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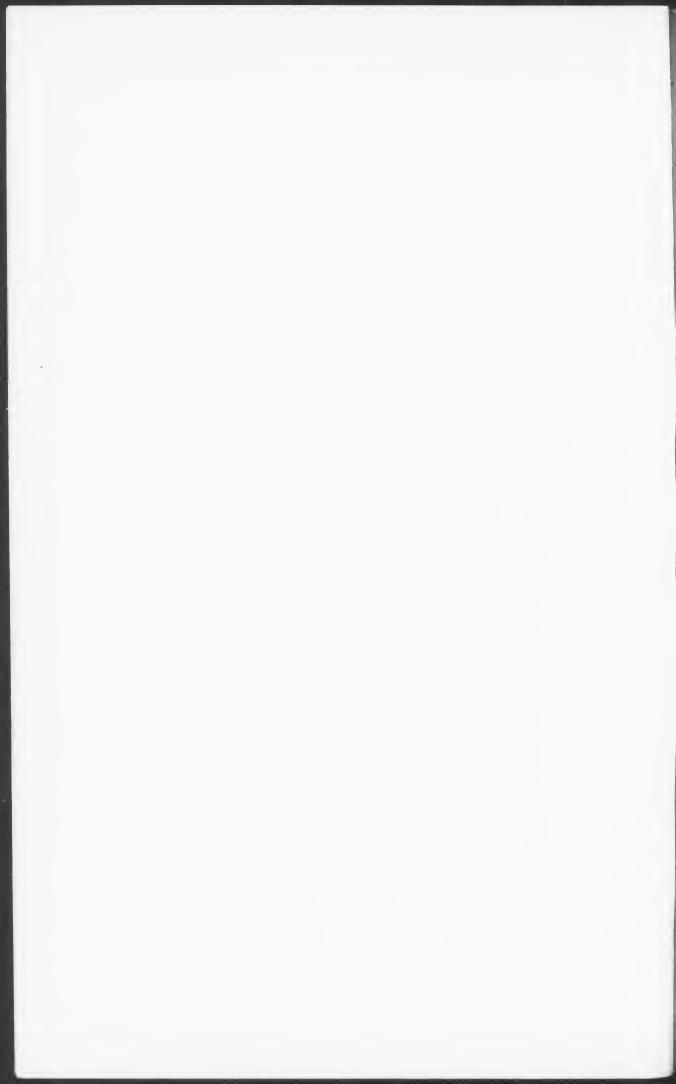
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oN.	NAME.	BORN.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	ORDAINED BISHOP.	RESIDENCE.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	John C. Keener	Feb. 5, 1834 Dec. 5, 1829 Sept. 18, 1829 Dec. 27, 1839 Sept. 15, 1849 May 17, 1847 July 18, 1829 Aug. 24, 1829 Aug. 23, 1857 May 30, 1842 Apr. 14, 1849	1848, Va	1886 " " 1886 " " 1886 " " 1890 St. Louis, Mo 1898 Baltimore, Md	Baltimore, Md. Ashland, Va. Nashville. Ten. Spartanb'g, S.C Jackson, Miss. Kansas Cy, Mo. Sherman, Tex. Nashville, Ten.

<sup>\*</sup> Arrangements are being made for Bishop Hoss to live in Dallas, Texas.

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# APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SEVERAL MISSION FIELDS FOR 1903-1904.

	1000-	1001.	
Brazil Mission Conference.\$	43,462	Pacific Conference\$	3,400
China Mission Conference.	40,203	Los Angeles Conference	4,350
Korea Mission	11,640	Columbia Conference	2,630
Japan Mission Conference.	44,208	East Columbia Conference	2,630
Northwest Mexican Mission		Denver Conference	4,529
Conference	17,417	Montana Conference	4,431
Central Mexico Mission	,	Western Conference	1,593
Conference	22,779	New Mexico Conference	4,950
Mexican Border Mission		Representative on Pacific	
Conference	17,650	Coast	1,200
Cuba Mission	22,276	Expenses	23,000
Indian Mission Conference	12,500		
German Mission Confer'ce	3,068	Total\$2	87,916

#### STATISTICS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE BOARD, 1901-02.

Missions Sandaries	Native Travel- ing Preachers.	Preachers. Other Workers.	Members.	Sunday Schools. S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	E. L. Members	Organized Churches. Boarding Schools.	Teachers.   Pupils.   Day Schools.   Teachers.   Pupils.
China 10 Japan 24 Korea 7 Brazil 16 Mexico 18 Cuba 12 Total 06	16 15 14 5 15 16 18 45 10 2	13 3 4 3	\$55 111 454 47 \$95 561 \$807 *7 5751 297	34 154 43 107 15 36 74 232 113 383 16 76 205 688	1800 2038 519 2555 3921 718	22 725 2 89 12 548 42 1462 6 185 84 3000	55 1 149 12	27 306 9 12 171 30 538 8 40 783 7 140 3 12 274 64 084 20 64 1228
Missions, Tooling, Building		Hospitals and Dispensaries, Value.	Patients Treated.	Collected for All Purposes	Church Buildings.	Value.	z z z z z	Value.  Total Value of Mission Property.
China         5           Japan         3           Korea         8           Brazil         1           Mexico         1           Cuba         1	20 000	1 6	2 220	1 429 6 328 8 8 382 2	3 9 8 13 2 15 6 64 1	320 S18 0 9 325 0 1 907 5 S1 875 0 117 559 7 50 293 0	0 7 6 0 3 6 0 9 28 5 30 47	300 00 \$108,818.00 269 00 62,694.00 500 00 9,007.00 025 00 130,800 00 684 50 181,484 25 000 90 60,293.00
Total 10	\$222 400	6 \$15 0	040 20 50	2 \$21 716 7	4 135	\$281,878.2	5 75 \$127	678 50 \$643,006.25

<sup>\*</sup>Decrease.

Receipts for foreign missions on regular collections, \$301,495.17; received from all sources, \$366,180.63. Increase in collections from home Conferences, \$22,-190.74. Increase in regular collections, \$9,822.38. (See General Review.)

#### MISSIONARIES SENT OUT.

The Board has sent out the following valuable contingent to the foreign field during the year: Cuba, Rev. C. H. Greer and wife, Rev. S. A. Neblett and wife, and Rev. B. F. Gilbert (appointed in charge of the American congregation at La Gloria); Brazil, Rev. E. B. Crooks and wife; Mexico, Dr. F. H. Gardner and wife, Rev. R. E. Dickenson and wife, Rev. J. A. Phillips and wife, and Rev. P. L. Cobb and wife (appointed to American congregation at Monterey); Japan, Rev. W. K. Matthews; China, Dr. A. G. Hearn and wife; Korea, Rev. W. G. Cram and wife and Rev. J. L. Gerdine.

#### DIED ON THE FIELD.

The Church and the Board have suffered a severe loss in the death of Dr. K. J. Yearwood in Mexico and Rev. C. K. Marshall in China. Unwavering in his devotion to duty, the former died at his post in the city of San Luis Potosi from the dreadful typhus fever. Exposure in attending a poor Mexican with the disease, and an enfeebled body from exhaustive work night and day, made him an easy victim. Dr. Yearwood was a noble specimen of Christian manhood. Courageous, capable, devout and full of energy, he was in many respects an ideal missionary. The Mexicans loved him. We all mourn his loss; it is irretrievable.

Brother Marshall (Dzau Tse-zeh) was, in courage, devotion and energy, fully the equal of Yearwood. He worked his way as a cabin

#### STATISTICS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Missions.	Appropriations for 1903 and 1004.	Missionaries.	sionaries. Teachers and	Native Help.	S hools.	Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	* ***	Total Chris- tian Pupils.	School Buildings Owned by Board.
China Brazil Mexico Korea Cuba Iudian Territory	21,875 37,641 5,855 6,500 4,450	5 17 16 3 6 2 6 1	S	60 9 74 6 6	6 5 7 2 2 1	98 2 370 30 42	- 4	1,00 15 63 4	50	20	1,170 7 248 2 4,020 7 82 3 150
Total*	\$1015961 2	9 66	13	165	23	780 40	7 53	100	70	407	2770 20
Missions	•	Rented Build-	Kindergartens.	Scholarship.	Bible Colleges.	Value.	Bible Women.	Hospitals.	Value.	Patients Treated.	Total Value of Mission Property.
China Brazil Mexico Korea Cuba Indian Territory Scarritt Bible and Tr			27 6 2 1 2	1 18 23 4 51 37 1 16		\$6,000	60	)	\$ 10,000		32,591 75,000 175,000 10,000 10,000
Total			38	6 2.17	3	\$6,000	10.	1 2	\$ 10,000	\$ 6.750	\$ 404.591

<sup>\*</sup>Contingent fund, \$6,000, is included.

boy from New York to Shanghai on a sailing vessel, to get to preach the gospel to his people. The soul of honesty, he held many places of responsibility. His brethren trusted him, and he never betrayed their confidence. Possessed of rugged common sense, he was a very useful man in the mission, and, full of evangelistic zeal, he was ever ready to make proof of his ministry. He died suddenly of a stroke of appoplexy, but he was ready.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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#### SUMMARY OF WORK.

Statistics from the Home Field-Conference Societies, 34; districts, 270; adult auxiliaries, 2,250; members in adult societies, 43,746; number of Juvenile and Young People's Societies, 1,197; number of members, 28,844; total number of members, 72,924-1,200 more than last year. Collections for the year ending March, 1903, \$112,458.78. Number of subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate, 12,398; subscribers to the Little Worker, the juvenile paper, 8,142. The Woman's Missionary Advocate met the cost of publication, salary of editor and office expenses this year.

Statistics of Foreign Work-Countries entered, 6; mission stations occupied, 29; missionaries employed, 66; foreign and native assistants, 165; boarding schools, 23; boarding pupils, 780; day schools, 52; day school pupils, 2,000; kindergartens, 6; hospitals, 2; Bible schools, 3; Bible women, 104; scholarships, 247; property owned by the Woman's Board, including the Scarritt Bible Training School, \$404,591.

#### RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79\$ 4,104.27 Amount received for fiscal year 1879-80 13,775.97 Amount received for fiscal year 1880-81 19,362.10 Amount received for fiscal year 1881-82 25,609.44 Amount received for fiscal year 1882-83 29,647.31 Amount received for fiscal year 1882-84 38,873.52 Amount received for fiscal year 1883-84 38,873.52 Amount received for fiscal year 1884-85 52,652.12 Amount received for fiscal year 1886-87 50,002.63 Amount received for fiscal year 1887-88 68,729.65 Amount received for fiscal year 1888-89 68,165.34 Amount received for fiscal year 1889-90 75,476.54	1891-92\$ 1892-93 1893-94 1894-95 1895-96 1896-97 1897-98 1898-99 1899-1900 1900-01 1901-02 1902-03	66,448.59 71,199.12 66,377.90 63,951.98 74,403.16 82,880.47 86,418.76 83,587.07 97,064.96 118,809.67 104,017.97 112,458.78
Amount received for fiscal year 1890-91 85,969.44  Received for Training School, 1889-1902	0.	1,612,665.52 192,295.44
Grand total		1,804,960.76

The next meeting of the Board will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., in May, 1904.

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Next meeting will be held in Opelousas, La., April, 1904.

See report in Appendix.

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#### STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1903.

Adult auxiliaries, 1,662; members, 28,551; Juvenile and Young People's Auxiliaries, 149; members, 2,863; total members, 31,414; auxiliaries organized during the year, 344; life members, 269; baby roll members, 8,074; subscribers to Our Homes, 8,188; pledged to tithing, 2,388; visits made to sick and strangers, 160,991; garments in good condition distributed, 60,352; needy persons assisted, 14,182; boxes of supplies

sent to needy persons, 437; value of boxes and 152 cash donations, \$14,420.21; amount expended on local parsonages, \$31,049.16; amount expended on church work by local societies, \$26,749.16; day schools, 7; night schools, 4; pupils in schools, 1,324; teachers and missionaries, 58; parsonages helped by Conference societies, 81; amount expended, \$6,478.17; parsonages helped by the Board, 31; amount expended by Woman's Board, \$4,625.00. Total parsonages helped this year 112; collections for connectional work, \$55,522.03; collections for local work, \$32,163.11.

#### STATISTICS FROM 1866 TO 1903.

Receipts for connectional work	330,876.16
Receipts for local work	498,173.66
Total receipts	829,049.82
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above	
stated	59,230.17

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARSONAGES HELPED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

Conference.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from General Board.	Loans.	Conference.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from General Board	Loans.
Alabama Arkansas Baltimore Brazil Mission Columbia Denver East Columbia East Texas Florida Holston Illinois Indian Mission Kentucky Little Rock Los Angeles Louisiana Louisville Memphis Mississippi Missouri Montana New Mexico	7 16 16 12 12 12 12 14 71 32 94 29 49 24 45 27 45 34 83 32 3	1 10 8 1 14 9 9 5 16 1 2 5 3 2 9 9 9 4 4 1 2 9	4 3 1 4 3 1 2 2	North Alabama North Carolina North Georgia North Mississipi North Texas Northw't Mexican Northwest Texas. Pacific South Carolina South Georgia Southw't Missouri st. Louis Tennessee Texas Virginia West Texas Western N. C West'n Virginia White River Reported aided, names not given	15 12 35 21 40  49 51 4 18 25 37 34 50 20 47 3 13 12 4	6 2 3 3 1 11 12 3 1 4 3 3 3 15 4 4	2 2 2 2 4 1 1 2 1 2 1 5 3 1 1 2 1

Total number aided by Conference Societies.... 1,120....Amount....\$ 77,056.77 Total number aided by General Board...... 257....Amount.... 51,430.83

#### SOME FACTS FROM 1902-1903.

The Society gave \$11,103.17 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time.

Mountain School—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 327 students. Incomes from fees, \$5,226.28. Ten teachers.

Cuban Schools-The three schools for Cubans enrolled 480 children. Income from fees, \$1,174.03. Fourteen teachers.

Chinese and Japanese Schools-Four night schools. Enrolled 207 students. Nine teachers employed.

Dallas Mission School—The Home accommodates fifty inmates, and many were turned away last year. Four teachers are in charge.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work began at Paine for

negro girls, with 122 girls in the classes.

Choctaws of Mississippi—One day school enterprised for Choctaws. City mission work carried on in 12 cities, 16 missionaries being employed. Total receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$56,754.93.

#### VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla. \$8,000 Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky. 25,000 Rescue Home, at Dallas, Texas. 15,000 Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla. 11,000 Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn. 10,000
Grand total\$69,000

#### CALENDAR.

Week of Prayer, October 12-18. Fifth Annual Board Meeting, Kansas City, Mo.

# LOANS AND DONATIONS GRANTED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR WORK IN LOUISIANA.

Loans.	Donations.
Farmersville\$100.00	\$100.00
Boyce	100.00
Port Vincent 200.00	
Lecompte 200.00	50.00
I POWIEV	
White Castle 200.00 Many.	75.00
Natchitoches	100.00
St. Francisville	75.00
Leggville	75.00
Glennora 100.00	50.00 $250.00$
Parker Memorial	50.00
Grand Cane	50.00
Port Vincent	50.00
Total\$1,650.00	\$1,025.00

# LCUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans, President.

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Mrs. W. W. Duson, Crowley, Third Vice-President.

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mer Rouge, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans, Treasurer.

### DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

New Orleans District—Mrs. F. E. Russ, New Orleans. Crowley District—Mrs. Crow Girard, Lafayette. Baton Rouge District—Mrs. C. W. Carter, Baton Rouge. Alexandria District—Mrs. L. B. Baynard, Alexandria. Arcadia District—Mrs. Dan Gillman, Hodge. Monroe District—Mrs. Mary E. Carr, Oak Ridge. Shreveport District—Mrs. T. S. Randle, Pleasant Hill.

#### CITY MISSIONARY:

Mrs. Lillie Meekins, New Orleans.

#### SOLICITOR FOR "OUR HOMES":

Mrs. Mary Werlein, New Orleans. Assistant, Miss Amelia Bradford, Rayne.

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF BABY ROLL:

Mrs. W. W. Duson, Crowley.

#### MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

- \$ 0.25 constitutes a baby membership.
  - 0.60 constitutes a young people, or juvenile membership. 1.20 constitutes an adult membership.

  - 10.00 constitutes a young people, or juvenile life-membership. 25.00 constitutes an adult life-membership.
- 100.00 constitutes an honorary life-membership.
  300.00 constitutes an honorary life-patron to the loan fund.

#### SCHOLARSHIP.

Twenty-five dollars constitutes a scholarship in the Mountain, Cuban, Chinese or Japanese schools.

# PARSONAGES AIDED BY THE CONFERENCE SOCIETY SINCE 1890.

Bayou La Chute, \$25.00; Boyce, \$100.00; Calhoun, \$75.00; Bayou Chicot, \$90.00; Daisy, \$165.00; Abbeville, \$50.00; Dry Creek, \$50.00; West Lake, \$50.00; Gilbert, \$50.00; Jena, \$75.00; Gannsville, \$75.00; Crowley, \$50.00; Prudhomme City, \$100.00; Lafayette, \$100.00; Lanesville, \$100.00; Benton, \$100.00; Pine Grove, \$15.00; White Castle, \$100.00; Olla, \$75.00; Many, \$25.00; Melville, \$115.00; Half Way, \$50.00; Rayne, \$100.00; Parker Memorial, \$200.00; Harrisonburg, \$100.00; Bastrop, \$100.00; Grand Cane, \$50.00; St. Francisville, \$75.00; Kentwood, \$25.00; Leesville, \$75.00; Melville, \$50.00; Gibbsland, \$25.00. Total, 34 parsonages and \$2,435.00 donated.

See report in Appendix.

The next meeting will be held at — in March, 1904.

#### NEW ORLEANS CITY MISSION BOARD.

President, Mrs. W. W. Carre. First Vice-President, Mrs. F. A. Lyons. Second Vice-President, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery. Third Vice-President, Mrs. L. P. Jackson. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Margaret Beasley. Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. Bartels. Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Rowland.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

Bishop W. A. Candler, Chairman. Rev. John J. Tigert, Secretary.

Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Rev. P. H. Whisner and Rev. J. D. Hammond. See P 413 of Discipline of 1902.

#### BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Presley Mequiar, Esq., President, Louisville, Ky. Dr. R. B. Gilbert, Vice-President, Louisville, Ky. Rev. P. H. Whisner, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, Louisville, Ky.

John Ouerbacker, Esq., Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

Members.—All the Bishops; Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D.D., Nashville; John L. Wheat, Esq., Louisville, Ky.; Rev. M. H. Neely, D.D., North Texas Conference; Rev. S. M. Hosmer, D.D., Greensboro, Ala.; T. L. Jefferson, Esq., Louisville, Ky.; Presley H. Tapp, Esq., Louisville, Ky.; T. S. Garrison, Esq., Timpson, Texas; Rev. J. D. Harper, Louisiana Conference; Rev. T. W. Lewis, North Mississippi Conference; Wilbur F. Barclay, Esq., Louisville, Ky.; Rev. W. F. McMurry, St. Louis Conference; Rev. P. R. Hicks, Inc. Rev. W. F. McMurry, St. Louis Conference; Rev. P. B. Hicks, Indian Mission Conference; Rev. M. J. Cofer, North Georgia Conference; Walter S. Mitchell, Esq., Louisville, Ky.

#### TWENTY-ONE YEARS' PROGRESS-1882 to 1903.

Total receipts from beg	inning to March 31,	1903\$1,696,070.16
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The receipts were from the following sources:

Annual Collections***	\$1,097,178.55
Special Donations, Legacies, etc	56,484.30
Contributions to Loan Funds	159,553.89
Interest on Loans	68,950.63
From Miscellaneous Sources	

Total original r	eceipts to	March	31,	1903\$	1,389,146.96
Collections on Loans	s, Etc				298,453.72
Donations Refunded	by Church	hes			8,469.48

Grand total .....\$1,696,070.16

#### CHURCHES AIDED, 1882-1903.

1,293	Ву	the	General Board	l to Ma	rch 31,	1903\$	975,825.00
4,698	$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$	the	Conference B	oards to	o March	31, 1903	539,314.00

5.991 Less 731 aided by two Boards, leaving net 5,260 churches aided by all Boards......\$1,515,139.00

#### 1. BY THE CONFERENCE BOARD.

88 Churches aided to February 1, 1903\$	nated.
55**Campti, Natchitoches Parish	
89 *Hornbeck, Vernon Parish	100
90 Little River, Catahoula Parish	50
91 Many Sabine Parish	95
92 Opelousas, St. Landry Parish	120
93 *Ringgold, Bienville Parish	100
94 Victon, Calcasieu Parish	150
95 Welsh, Calcasieu Parish	150

95 Churches aided from the beginning .....\$12,210 Balance due treasurer February 1, 1903, \$6.12.

\*\*\*Including \$551,347.72 retained by the Conference Boards.
(Less \$5,516.89 carried to David Morton Loan Fund.)
Those marked thus (\*\*) have received aid more than once from the same Board; those marked thus (\*) have received aid from both General and Conference Boards. ference Boards.

## II. BY THE GENERAL BOARD.

Donated.	Loaned.
37 Churches aided to March 31, 1902\$10,600	\$8,200
38 Atkins, Bossier Parish	
39 *Ethel, East Feliciana Parish	
40 *Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish 200	
41 *Haynesville, Claiborne Parish 100	
42 *Hornbeck, Vernon Parish	
43**Iota, Acadia Parish 100	
44 *Pollock, Grant Parish	
45 *Ringgold, Bienville Parish 100	
29**St. Francisville, W. Feliciana Parish 150	

45 Churches aided from the beginning .....\$11,800 \$8,200 109 Churches, net, aided by both Boards from the beginning. Donations, \$24,010; Loans, \$8,200.

#### BOARD OF INSURANCE.

James H. Kirkland, President, Nashville, Tenn. Charles M. Phillips, Vice-President, Louisville, Ky.

Wilbur F. Barclay, Secretary, Postoffice box 530, Louisville, Ky.

Members.—Rev. John C. Kilgo, D.D., Durham, N. C.; Rev. S. M. Hosmer, D.D., Greensboro, Ala.; William S. Baker, St. Louis, Mo.; Presley Meguiar, Louisville, Ky.; W. F. Barclay, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. R. B. Gilbert, Louisville, Ky.; Samuel Ouerbacker, Louisville, Ky.; Presley H. Tapp, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas B. Morton, Louisville, Ky.; Presley H. Tapp, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas B. Morton, Louisville, Ky.; Presley H. Tapp, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas B. Morton, Louisville, Ky.; Presley H. Tapp, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas B. Morton, Louisville, Ky.; ville, Ky.

This board was appointed by the General Conference of 1902 for the purpose of "making arrangements for the more general and adequate insurance of our Church property against destruction by fire, lightning or storm." They have arranged to insure churches, parsonages, church schools and ministers' effects at cost, or about onehalf the usual rates. Write to the Secretary for full particulars.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Bishop C. B. Galloway, President, Jackson, Miss.
Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Vice-President, Kansas City, Mo.
Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, Recording Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. J. D. Hammond, Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
J. D. Hammond, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
Members.—C. B. Galloway, Jackson, Miss.; E. R. Hendrix, Kansas
City, Mo.; J. H. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.; W. W. Smith, Lynchburg, Va.; J. C. Kilgo, Durham, N. C.; J. D. Hammond, Nashville,
Tenn.; W. B. Murrah, Jackson, Miss.; W. H. LaPrade, New Tenn.; W. B. Murrah, Jackson, Miss.; W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans, La.; H. N. Snyder, Spartanburg, S. C.; John Massey, Tuskegee, Ala.; R. S. Hyer, Georgetown, Texas; C. E. Dowman, Atlanta, Ga.; W. R. Webb, Bellebuckle, Tenn.; H. P. Hamill, Winchester, Va.; R. G. Waterhouse, Emory, Va.; S. G. Thompson, Oklahoma City, O. T.

Executive Committee.-C. B. Galloway, J. H. Kirkland, E. R. Hendrix,

W. R. Webb, J. D. Hammond.

. Commission on Education .- (Appointed by the College of Bishops at the May meeting, 1903.)—R. E. Blackwell, H. B. Carre, J. A. Kern, W. P. Few, H. C. Pritchett, J. E. Dickey, A. C. Millar, Stonewall Anderson, Edward Mayes, S. M. Hosmer.

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#### SOME STATISTICS.

The report of the Board of Education shows that we have one university, seventeen colleges, and eighty-seven secondary institutions, besides seven other schools under the patronage of our church, and two schools for negroes. These schools have real property valued at \$6,596,182.00. They have erected twenty-two buildings the past year, valued at \$202,906.00. Have scientific equipment valued at \$283,054.00, and have endowment of \$3,024,024.00. Volumes in libraries, 259,091. They also received \$253,280.00 in gifts and legacies last year. They employ 1,144 teachers, and enrolled 18,602 students, of whom 565 are preparing for our ministry.

Our chief institution of learning, Vanderbilt University, has buildings and grounds valued at \$750,000.00 and an endowment of \$1,300-000.00. Scientific equipment valued at \$153,000.00. It has an annual income of about \$120,000.00. It has 95 professors and assistants, and enrolled last year 691 students, 76 of whom had degrees, and 73 of whom were preparing for our ministry.

The Correspondence School, conducted by the faculty of the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, has had a remarkable success in its first year, 252 pupils being enrolled, of which number fourteen are from Louisiana.

The Twentieth Century Fund.—The last report shows that of the \$2,040,948.17 pledged \$1,431,012.86 has been paid and that the balance is largely covered by notes that will continue to mature for several years.

Our Conference Schools.—For statistics of these schools see the report of the Board of Education, Condensed Minutes and Statistical Tables.

#### BOOK COMMITTEE.

Dr. Collins Denny, Chairman, Nashville, Tenn. W. C. Dibrell, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Members.—Dr. O. E. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.; John B. Ransom, Nashville, Tenn.; Jo B. Morgan, Nashville, Tenn.; R. W. Millsaps, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. Paul Whitehead, Lynchburg, Va.; Gov. J. R. Hindman, Columbia, Ky.; Dr. James Campbell, Dallas, Texas; Sidney Bass, Terrell, Texas; D. B. Coltrane, Concord, N. C.; Rev. R. A. Child, Greenwood, S. C.; Dr. J. M. Mason, Evergreen, Alabama.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Rev. James Atkins, Chairman, Nashville, Tenn.
H. M. Hamill, D.D., Superintendent Training Work, Nashville, Tenn.
Members.—John R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. John O. Wilson,
Abbeville, S. C.; B. M. Washburn, Montgomery, Ala.; B. M. Burgher, Dallas, Texas; L. M. Walton, Woodstock, Va.

#### SOME STATISTICS.

There are in this State about 416,811 educatable children, 212,530 of whom are white. The white children enrolled in the public schools were 125,643. The attendance in Catholic institutions is 22,463, and it is estimated that there are about 7,209 in Protestant schools.

We have enrolled about 15,000 children in our Sunday-schools. The Baptists of Louisiana report an enrollment of about 5,554 in their Sunday-schools, which would no doubt be about doubled if all their schools reported. The Protestant Episcopal Sunday-schools reported a total enrollment of 3,426 scholars. The Presbyterians enrolled about ———

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATICTICS.

Compiled for the Tenth International Sunday-School Convention, Denver, .Colorado, June 26-30, 1902.

STATES	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	STATES	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars
Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas Cal. (N) Cal. (S) Colorado Conn Delaware Dis. Col'bia Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Indian Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Mass Michigan Minnesota	4,316 39 85 2,050 1,167 521 841 1,260 392 2,400 4,616 205 7,981 387 5,617 4,243 4,293 3,234 4,293 3,234 1,917 4,538 1,928	35,778 1,445 94,847 2,942 45,600 44,670 39,220 23,755 4,000 13,090 32,903 36,524 49,011 19,093	$\begin{array}{c} 2.047\\ 5,660\\ 151,000\\ 70,388\\ 48,457\\ 66,575\\ 125,000\\ 39,592\\ 46,667\\ 94,870\\ 253,410\\ 11,527\\ 717,307\\ 16,393\\ 515,568\\ 378,734\\ 261,763\\ 208,985\\ 55,000\\ 110,315\\ 206,156\\ 277,492\\ 370,707\\ 174,569\\ \end{array}$	R. I S. Car S. Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah	124	116,357 9,000 11,740 158,256 6,198 42,080 6,000 39,849 42,923 1,245 7,870 55,400 20,545 11,106 22,880 970	48.378 285.266 343,024 7,056 54,230 330.000 152,945 81,57 447.617
Miss Missouri .	$\begin{bmatrix} 2.025 \\ 6.725 \end{bmatrix}$		101,280 $651,111$		1130 817	$\frac{1,413}{11.419.807}$	

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Bishop W. A. Candler, President, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. J. W. Newman, First Vice-President, Talladega, Ala.

Rev. W. T. McClure, Second Vice-President, Springfield, Mo. Rev. J. M. Barcus, Third Vice-President, Temple, Texas. Rev. H. M. DuBose, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

O. W. Patton, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

Members.—Sterling Fisher, San Marcos, Texas; W. T. McClure, Temple, Texas; J. W. Newman, Talladega, Ala.; A. F. Watkins, Jackson, Miss.; W. F. Packard, Hannibal, Mo.; T. B. King, Brownsville, Texas; H. M. Armstrong, Ripley, W. Va.; J. D. Clary, Danville, Va.; Frank Talbott; S. B. Adams, Macon, Ga.; J. G. Brown, Raleigh, N. C.

#### LOUISIANA EPWORTH LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS.

Seashore Epworth League Assembly, Held on the Seashore Camp Grounds, Seashore, Miss.

Rev. H. Walter Featherstun, D.D., President, Hattiesburg.

Miss Daisy Davies, First Vice-President, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Mabel Wheeler, Second Vice-President, Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. A. F. Watkins, Third Vice-President, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. E. P. Gaffney, Junior Superintendent, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. C. D. Atkinson, Secretary, New Orleans, La.

Miss Ellen Jackson, Treasurer, Montgomery, Ala.

Counsellors.—Rev. H. M. DuBose, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. H. B. Carre, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Anna May Schlater, Mobile, Ala.; A. S. Daniels, Algiers, La.; E. P. Cooper, Anniston, Ala.; and Miss Nettie Sutcliffe, New Orleans, La.

Seashore has never before known such a wealth of sanctified utterance as has come to us during this assembly. The only discordant note in all this great melody was the want of room; hence the absence of many Leaguers who could not get lodging on the Camp Ground at all. About \$450 were raised to complete Epworth Lodge, already begun. This will solve the problem, and henceforth the Leaguers will be entertained.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

#### Dr. Featherstun says:-

"The last Assembly was the best ever held at Seashore, and we are determined that the next shall be better still. The Epworth Lodge will be completed, and that means that we shall have ample and very reasonable accommodations for at least one hundred additional leaguers."

#### LOUISIANA STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

R. H. Wynn, President; Miss Margaret Prothro, First Vice-President; Mr. Ed. Garland, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Emma Gilman, Third Vice-President; Mrs. H. W. Rickey, Superintendent of Juniors; Miss Lily Gill, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS.

Commission on Unification of Methodism in Japan.—Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D.D., Rev. T. T. Fishburne, Rev. James Atkins, D.D.

Fraternal Messenger to the British Wesleyan Conference.—Bishop

E. E. Hoss.

Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D.D.

Other organizations have not reported.

# CONFERENCE RULES.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference shall be composed first, of all preachers, traveling and local, and the recording stewards in the District; and second, of one lay delegate for every fifty members or fraction of three-fourths that number, from each pastoral charge within the bounds of the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences.

#### ATTENDANCE AND STATISTICS.

Resolved, That it shall be cause for censure for any preacher to fail to attend the session of the Annual Conference unless providentially hindered, or to fail to have his reports on file by the close of the first day.

Crowley, January 6th, 1898.

Amended New Iberia, December 16th, 1901.

## DATA FOR MEMOIRS.

Whereas, Our Committee on Memoirs have usually found great difficulty in obtaining data at the seat of Conference for suitable memoirs of brethren who have died during the year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in case of a death of a member of this Conference, or the wife of a member or of a deceased member, the Presiding

Elder to whose district the deceased belonged, be requested to appoint some suitable person to secure the necessary data for a suitable memoir of said deceased for the committee before the session of Conference.

Monroe, December 7th, 1889.

Amended Alexandria, December 20th, 1902.

#### AUDITING BOARD.

Resolved, That the Bishop be authorized to appoint from year to year a committee of three to receive the reports of the pastors and all moneys that they have to report to the Conference, and to check the one against the other, and to turn over the said moneys to the treasurers of the various Conference funds with a written statement of the same, and to turn over the statistics to the Statistical Secretary.

Baton Rouge, December 13th, 1900.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

Be it Resolved, That each church securing assistance from the Church Extension Board shall be required to secure the refunding of the sum donated in the event of the property being alienated from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by entering and recording a mortgage for the sum donated.

Baton Rouge, December 13th, 1900.

#### REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That all resolutions, memorials and reports of boards and committees coming before this Conference be sumbitted in duplicate.

New Iberia, December, 1901.

#### VETERANS' DAY.

Resolved, That the first Sunday in October be observed as Veteran's Day throughout our Conference, and that the collections on that day be equally divided between the General Fund and the Conference Endowment Fund for our Conference claimants.

Alexandria, December 22d, 1902.

#### ASSESSMENTS ON DISTRICTS AND REPORTING STATISTICS.

Resolved, That all assessments levied upon the Conference be apportioned according to the same plan adopted by the General Conference for the distribution of its assessments;

Second, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to see that their Boards of District Stewards make all their assessments upon pastoral charges in even dollars, and according to the same rule of distribution, and to see that the statistical secretary gets a copy of the same;

Third, That as far as possible pastors report all finances to the

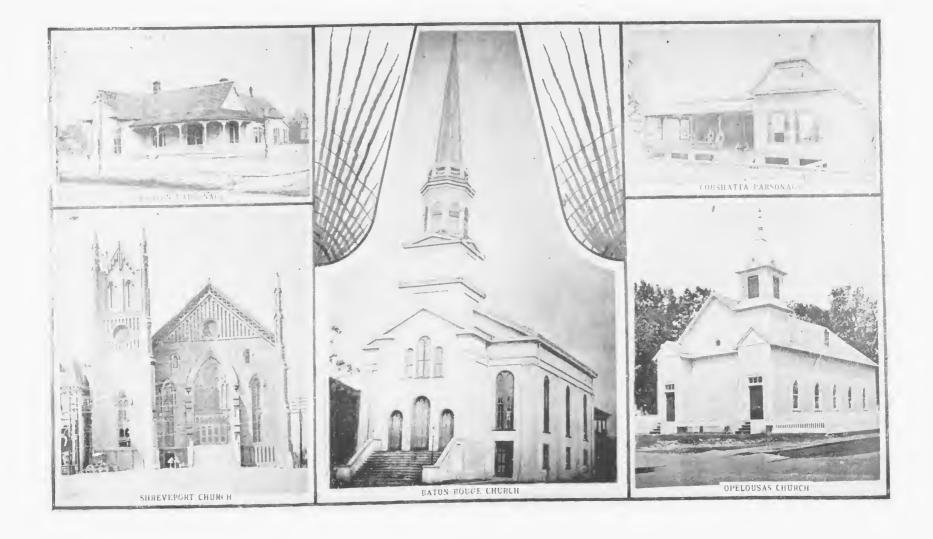
Conference in even dollars;

Fourth, That this is to be a fixed rule of the Conference. Alexandria, December 22d, 1902.

# CONFERENCE CALENDAR FOR 1903.

Louisiana Conference, Lake Charles, December, 1903. New Orleans District Conference, at Algiers. Baton Rouge District Conference, at Crowley District Conference, at Lafayette.





Alexandria District Conference, at Colfax.

Shreveport District Conference, at Mansfield.

Arcadia District Conference, at Ruston.

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Mansfield Female College-Spring Term opens January 20, 1904. Final examinations, June 4-6. Commencement sermon, June 5. Annual meeting of Board of Trustees, ——. Commencement exercises, June 5, 1904. Commencement Day, June 8, 1904. Fall term of 1904 opens September 7, 1904.

Greensburg Fitting School-Spring term opens January 25, 1904. Final examinations, May 23-28. Commencement sermon, Sunday, May 29. Annual meeting of Board of Trustees, Monday, May 30. Commencement exercises, May 29 to June 1. Commencement Day, June 1, 1904. Fall term of 1904 opens First Monday in September, 1904

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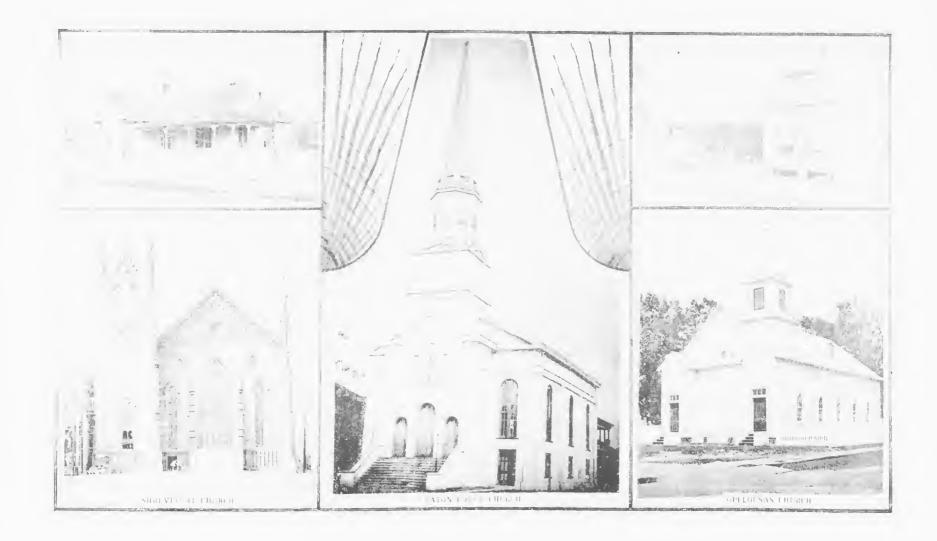
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Congregationalist	5.576	5.680	634,835
Lutheran (22 bodies)	6,990	11,491	1,696,268
Methodist Episcopal	16,771	26.424	2,762.691
Other Methodisms (except Southern) !	10.889	14,985	1,698,568
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# RATIO OF APPORTIONMENT OF ASSESSMENTS UPON THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

Based upon Finance Tables for 1901. (See Discipline of 1902, P 413 and Conference resolution.)

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Baton Rouge District "	
Crowley District "	.1486
Alexandria District "	.1339
Shreveport District "	.1604
Arcadia District	.1632
Monroe District	.1005



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Baton Rouge District "	
Crowley District "	.1486
Alexandria District "	.1339
Shreveport District "	.1604
Arcadia District "	.1632
Monroe District "	.1005

# CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

Abbreviations Used.—Sd., Superanuated; E., Effective; P. E., Presiding Elder; Cl., Class; R., Readmitted; T., Transfer; F. C., Full Connection; O. T., On Trial.

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No.	NAME	POSTOFFICE	Present Relation	Lou	itted into isiana Con- ference	Deacon	Elder
	Miller, John A		S'd	T,		  '54	)  '5'
	White, Benj. F		S'd	Τ,	Feb., '57		
	McClendon, T. H		S'd	FC,		'58	
	Upton, T. J		S'd	F C.,		'58	
	Wynn, J. F		S'd	FC,		'59	
	White, H. O		E	FC,		'65	
	Carter, C. W		Ð	FC,		65	
	Davis, R. A		E	T,		66	
	Randle, Robert		E	FC,	1.1		
	Brown, J. M Trippett, R. S		E S'd	T, T,		65 48	
	Jackson, George		S'd	T,		59	
	Johnston, J. M		S'd	T,		64	
	Cornell, N. S		E	R,		,60	
15	Isbell, R. S	Abheville	E	FC,		74	
	Harper, J. D		E	FC,		73	
	Randle, T. S		E	FC,		75	
	Hocutt, F. G		S'd	FC,	" 7		1
	Sawyer, J. T		E	F C.,		75	
	Parker, James A		E	T,		61'64	
	Patterson, J. F		E	FC,		3 76	
22	Faunt LeRoy, T. K.	Natchitoches	E	FC,		75	
23	Cassity, J. B	Vernon	E	FC,		9 76	
	Sheppard, J. L. P.		E	FC,		76	
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	4 Parker, F. N			FC,		8 8	
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	6 Johns, H. S			FC,	" ,8	8 '8	81,
	7 McVoy, A. D			T,	Dec., '8	8 '6	4,
	8 May, H. W			FC,		8 '8	
	9 Parker, F. S			T.		9 '8	
	0 Henderson, W. F			FC.		9 '8	
	1 Denson, J. E			FC,		9 8	
4	2 Porter, W. J	. Hammond	. S'd	FC,	" '8	9 '8	9
4	3 Williams, J. B	. Lisbon	. E	FC,		89 8	
	4 LaPrade, W. H			T,		0 7	
	5 Brown, J. H			T,		0 '8	
	6 Foster, J. F			FC,		00 '9	
	7 Kelly, J. J			FC,		90 9	
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50	Schuhle, William	New Orleans	E	FC,	" '9:	 1 '91	'93
51	Drake, W. W	New Orleans	$\mathbf{E}$	R,	" '9	2 '90	93
52	Henry, J. M		$\mathbf{E}$	FC,			93
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	Sheppard, B. H		$\mathbf{E}$	FC,			95
	Bogan, S. S		$\mathbf{E}$	FC,			3 '98
	Tucker, R. W		$\mathbf{E}$	T,			93
	Anders, G. D		E	T,			9 '93
	Brown, P. M		E	T,			3 '96
	Roberts, N. J		$\mathbf{E}$	T,			0 '95
	Haney, J. P		$\mathbf{E}$	T,			3 '95
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	Grace, R. C		E	FC,			2 98
	Lee, J. W		E	FC,			5 '98
	Rickey, H. W		E	FC,			5 '98
	Akin, W. E		B	FC,			5 98
	Benton, W. H		E	FC.			4 02
	Miller, C. C		E	FC.		,	6 '98
	Vaughan, R. W		E	FC,			61'98
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	2 Johnston, M. F			FC.			98
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	6 Alford, L. F			FC.			'0:
	7 Brown. H. N			FC.			01 '0
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104   Wilson, L. C.   Zachery   E   105   Warlick, T. J.   Minden   E   106   Means, E. K.   New Orleans   3 yr   107   Bowman, H. W.   Homer   E   Lake Charles   E   109   Lewis, J. E.   Arcadia   E   110   Doak, F. P.   Mansfield   E   111   Beard, J. M.   Amite   E   112   Waltman, J. F.   Indian Bayou   E   113   Carter, H. E.   Bastrop   3 yr   114   Cargill, E. L.   Denham Springs   3 yr   115   Kleinschmidt, W. D.   Baton Rouge   3 yr   116   Kelly, D. E.   Boyce   3 yr   117   Hoffpauir, N. F.   Winsboro   3 yr   118   Roberts, L. L.   LeCompte   3 yr   119   Carre, H. B.   Nashville, Tenn   2 yr   120   Reed, J. W.   New Orleans   2 yr   121   Riggs, S. L.   New Orleans   2 yr   122   Bernard, A. A.   Nashville, Tenn   2 yr   124   Honeycutt, M. H.   Jackson   2 yr   125   Coleman, W. H.   Jackson   2 yr   126   Nesom, J. D.   Eunice   2 yr   127   Rutledge, J. S.   Dry Creek   1 yr   129   Troutman, W. O.   Mandeville   1 yr   130   Sutton, J. L.   Angola   1 yr   131   Flinn, Glenn   Alexandria   1 yr   132   Freeman, F. M.   St. Francisville   1 yr   134   Jordan, W. H.   DeRidder   1 yr   134   Jordan, W. H.   Pollock   1 yr   134   Jordan   J	T, T, T, T, T, T, From From FC,	M.P.C. M.P.C. Dec.,  """""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	'03' '03' '03' '03' '01' '02' '02' '02' '02' '01' '01' '98' '03' '03' '03' '03' '03'	'03' '03' '03' '02' '01' '02' '01' '02' '01'	'01 

# LOCAL PREACHERS SERVING AS SUPPLIES.

No.	NAME	Postoffice	Former Occupation	Rela- tion
2 F 3 C 4 N 5 V	Yordham, Dennis Clark, W. A  Martin, T. J  Vafer, T. M	Antioch Brooklyn Downsville Ringgold Cotton Valley Kentwood	Farmer Farmer	LE LD LE LD
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# APPORTIONMENTS OF CONFERENCE AND CONNECTIONAL ASSESSMENTS.

DISTRICTS	Bishops	Conference Claimants	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	Church Extension	Education	Minutes	Expenses Gen'l Conf'ce Delegates
New Orleans!								
Baton Rouge	170	725	1058			520	48	88
Crowley	200	755	1178	765		530	54	92
Alexandria	150	644	948	615	361	400	42	77
Shreveport	220	850	1337	867	463	655	56	110
Arcadia	170	733	1009	655	419	500	48	88
Monroe	150	631	945	607	304	440	48	77
Totals	1260	\$5104	\$7718	\$5000	\$2750	\$3675	\$350	\$ 625

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N. B.—Remittances may be made to all these points by New Orleans exchange, express money orders, registered letter, and by post office money order.

Keep your receipts and on the first day of the Conference session report them to the Auditing Board. If you will MAKE ALL PAY-MENT IN EVEN DOLLARS, it will expedite the work of the Conference.

Bring your money to Conference in one check or draft made payable to A. M. Mayo. New Orleans or Shreveport exchange preferred.

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# Elected Annually.

#### TEMPERANCE.

A. S. Lutz, J. M. Johnston, William Schuhle, G. G. Gill, W. T. Holland.

#### CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

W. E. Boggs, J. F. Foster, J. M. Brown, H. B. Thomason, Barnette Wright.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

R. W. Vaughn, A. F. Jackson, W. S. Holmes.

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R. J. Harp, J. M. Middleton, W. T. Woodward, R. T. McClendon, H. W. Rickey.

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# STATE TEMPERANCE REFORM.

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### CONFERENCE CLASSES FOR 1904.

- First Year.—J. S. Rutledge, G. P. White, W. O. Troutman, J. L. Sutton, Glenn Flinn, F. M. Freeman, Jefferson Holladay, W. H. Jordan, W. W. Holmes.
- Second Year.—J. W. Reed, A. F. Vaughn, H. B. Carre, J. H. Montgomery, J. D. Nesom, W. H. Coleman, M. H. Honeycutt, R. H. Green, A. A. Bernard, S. L. Riggs.
- Third Year.—H. E. Carter, E. L. Cargill, D. E. Kelly, N. F. Hoffpauir, L. L. Roberts, W. D. Kleinschmidt, A. J. Coburn, E. K. Means.

Fourth Year.-W. G. Roberts, J. G. Sloane, M. Hebert, W. R. Harvell.

# Auditing Board.

The Conference Auditing Board for 1904 is composed of A. M. Mayo, W. R. Harvell and J. G. Sloane. They make the following suggestions to the brethren.

- 1.—Get your money in as soon as possible. They will be on hand a day before the opening of the Conference. No money will be received by them after 6 p. m. of the first day of the Conference.
- 2.—Any preacher who cannot reach the Conference on the first day can very easily send a check for the amount, and statement as to how to apply it, by mail to the Auditing Board of Minden.
  - 3.—No money will be received by the Board unless accompanied by a deposit slip or written statement as to how it is to be applied.
  - 4.—All vouchers for money already paid should be presented as cash.
  - 5.—If possible bring New Orleans, New York or Shreveport exchange made payable to A. M. Mayo instead of personal checks on local banks. Put the whole amount in one check.
    - 6.—Report all collections in even dollars.
    - 7.—File your statistical reports with this Board without fail.

Compliance with these rules is necessary for the proper working of the Board. No deviation will be made in these rules.

# CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its fifty-eighth annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Minden, La., Wednesday, December sixteenth, nineteen hundred and three, at nine o'clock a. m., Bishop Joseph S. Key in the chair.

Opening—The opening devotional service was conducted by the Bishop, and consisted of the reading of a selection from Mark VI., singing hymn 228,—"And are we yet alive!"—prayer by the Bishop, and by Rev. J. D. Harper.

Roll Call—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the following members answered to their names:

- Clerical.—H. O. White, C. W. Carter, Robert Randle, J. M. Brown, George Jackson, J. M. Johnston, N. S. Cornell, R. S. Isbell, J. D. Harper, T. S. Randle, J. T. Sawyer, James A. Parker, J. F. Patterson, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, J. R. Cassity, J. L. P. Sheppard, S. S. Keener, C. T. Hunholland, S. H. Whatley, R. J. Harp, S. J. Davies, D. C. Barr, H. J. Boltz, Wilson Moore, J. O. Bennett, H. Armstrong, F. N. Parker, J. Ivy Hoffpauir, H. S. Johns, H. W. May, F. S. Parker, W. F. Henderson, J. E. Denson, J. B. Williams, W. H. LaPrade, J. H. Brown, J. F. Foster, J. J. Kelly, C. F. Staples, W. G. Evans, William Schuhle, W. W. Drake, J. M. Henry, B. T. Crews, R. W. Tucker, P. M. Brown, N. J. Roberts, A. S. Lutz, R. H. Wynn, R. C. Grace, J. W. Lee, H. W. Rickey, C. C. Miller, R. W. Vaughan, W. H. Hatfield, Thomas Carter, A. S. J. Neill, C. C. Wier, P. O. Lowry, H. B. Thomason, K. W. Dodson, W. T. Woodward, F. N. Sweeney, J. M. Alford, H. W. Ledbetter, P. H. Fontaine, J. R. Moore, Barnette Wright, G. D. Purcell, W. R. Harvell, M. F. Johnston, C. B. Carter, H. N. Brown, A. F. Vaughan, Richard Wilkinson, W. E. Boggs, H. G. Davis, C. D. Atkinson, J. G. Sloane, J. R. Roy.
  - On Trial.—W. D. Kleinschmidt, H. E. Carter, D. E. Kelly, H. B. Carre, L. L. Roberts, E. C. Bott, E. L. Cargill, J. D. Nesom, W. H. Coleman, S. L. Riggs, A. A. Bernard.
- Lay.—W. B. Thomson, J. W. Adams (recognized as alternate in place of E. L. McGehee); W. T. Holland, A. M. Mayo, J. Van Carter (recognized as alternate in place of Henry N. Pharr), A. F. Jackson, A. Hoffpauir, J. M. Middleton, G. G. Gill, R. T. McClendon, (recognized as alternate in place of G. M. Shaffer), J. B. Reily (A. C. Calhoun was placed instead of D. T. Chapman, and it was announced that he would be present).

Secretary Elected—F. S. Parker was elected Secretary, and R. H. Wynn Assistant Secretary. W. G. Evans, W. R. Harvell and C. B. Carter were elected Statistical Secretaries, and John F. Foster Railroad Secretary.

Hours of Sessions—The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.

**Committees**—The nominations for Standing Committees were made by J. M. Henry and confirmed as follows:

Public Worship-J. O. Bennett, B. T. Crews and J. M. Miller.

Church Publications—J. M. Brown, J. F. Foster, W. E. Boggs, H. B. Thomason, Barnette Wright.

Temperance—T. J. Upton, J. M. Johnston, William Schuhle, G. G. Gill, W. T. Holland.

District Conference Records—R. W. Vaughan, A. F. Jackson, W. S. Holmes.

## FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1903.

Sabbath Observance.—R. J. Harp, J. M. Middleton, W. T. Woodward, R. T. McClendon, H. W. Rickey.

Memoirs.-J. B. Cassity, C. W. Carter.

Conference Relations.—J. A. Parker, H. W. May, C. T. Munholland, H. B. Thomason, R. H. Wynn, C. F. Staples, W. F. Henderson.

Introductions—There were introduced to the Conference Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. G. D. French, Field Agent of the American Bible Society; Dr. J. W. Boswell, Editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and Reverends Richard Wilkinson, W. E. Boggs and E. K. Means, who had been transferred to this Conference, but had not hitherto met its members.

Auditing Board Report—The Auditing Board, through A. M. Mayo, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that after the disbursement of funds at the last Conference there came into our hands \$319.64, and we ask of you what disposition to make of the same.

As H. R. Singleton has gone from among us, we ask you to place

in his stead W. R. Harvell.

At interest the amount in our hands has earned \$21.30, out of which \$5.11 has been expended for the Board, and we ask that \$5.00 remain in our hands for expenses of 1904, leaving net balance of \$330.83.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MAYO.

On motion of Dr. Keener, the Auditing Board were instructed to distribute the funds in hand among the several funds of the Conference.

Vacancies Filled—H. W. Rickey was added to the Board of Missions to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of H. R. Singleton.

At his own request, F. N. Parker was released from duty on the Joint Board of Finance, and his place was supplied by K. W. Dodson on recommendation of the Board.

Reports Referred—The Reports of the Book Agents, Board of Church Extension, Board of Missions, American Bible Society, Sunday League of America, were, on motion, referred to the several Conference Boards and Committees without reading.

Resolutions—The following resolutions relating to mode of Conference proceeding were submitted, and after a motion to lay on the table had been lost, were passed one by one:

Resolved, That during the devotional service at opening of Conference the doors be closed, and that no one be permitted to enter.

Resolved, That no business, save that of the Conference floor, be transacted during the hours of sitting.

Resolved, That the Boards and Committees be requested to give more care to the reports, and that these be placed in the hands of the Secretary complete; and that no report be received unless at the time placed in the hands of the Secretary.

R. H. WYNN. W. W. DRAKE. W. H. LaPRADE, F. S. PARKER.

Transfers Announced—Question 6—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?—was called.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: L. C. Wilson, from the Pacific Conference; T. J. Warlick, from the North Georgia Conference; E. K. Means, from the Louisville Conference, and H. W. Bowman, from the Indian Mission Conference.

Question 20—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was called.

The names were called and the characters passed of W. H. LaPrade, F. N. Parker, S. S. Keener, J. R. Moore, J. D. Harper, J. O. Bennett, J. M. Henry. The name of James L. Wright, deceased, was called, and referred to the Committee on Memoirs. The names were called and the characters passed of George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Johnston, A. D. McVoy, B. F. White, J. F. Wynn, T. H. McClendon, F. G. Hocutt, M. G. Jenkins, J. H. Brown, J. M. Franklin, W. J. Porter, J. A.

Miller and T. J. Upton. On motion they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuate relation.

Introductions—Dr. W. H. Dodson, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Dr. A. J. Lamar, Joint Book Agent. were introduced.

Centenary College—Rev. C. C. Miller, president of Centenary College, read the report of the College, which was referred to the Board of Education.

Gavel Presented—Rev. J. D. Harper presented the Conference with a beautiful silver mounted gavel, made of wood from the old Church at Opelousas, La., where the Conference was organized January 6th, 1847.

Question 20 was resumed. The names were called, and the characters passed of C. W. Carter, J. W. Lee, R. A. Davis, H. W. May, W. E. Skin, R. Randle, J. B. Cassity, F. S. Parker, R. W. Tucker, R. W. Vaughan, H. S. Johns, A. C. Smith, J. I. Hoffpauir, S. J. Davies, R. S. Isbell, F. N. Sweeney, J. J. Kelly, A. W. Turner, J. T. Sawyer, D. C. Barr, C. T. Munholland, P. O. Lowry, W. H. Hatfield, J. E. Denson, A. S. J. Neill, H. B. Thomason, S. S. Bogan. The name of E. E. Riggs, deceased, was called, and his name was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The names were called and characters passed of E. N. Evans and W. H. Ledbetter, and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a Supernumerary relation.

Captain J. N. Pharr—On motion, Dr. Keener was granted permission to have printed in the Minutes the memoir of Captain John N. Pharr.

American Bible Society—Rev. G. D. French addressed the Conference in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. R. J. Harp.

# SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903.

Opening—The Conference was called to order at 9 a.m., December 17th, by Bishop Key. Devotional services, consisting of reading, I. Corinthians, xiii., singing hymn 566, "Am I

a soldier of the cross," and prayer, was conducted by Rev. J. M. Alford. The minutes of the pervious day's session were read and approved.

Arrivals Noted—The presence of the following members, not in attendance yesterday, was noted:

Clerical—R. J. Harp, B. H. Sheppard, S. S. Bogan, J. P. Haney, W. E. Akin, Martin Hebert, W. G. Roberts, L. F. Alford, N. F. Hoffpauir, M. H. Honeycutt, R. H. Green.

Lay—J. S. Sanders (L. P.)

Introductions—Rev. Dr. A. F. Watkins, Agent of the Superannuate's Endowment Fund, and Rev. Dr. H. G. Davis, Pastor of Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans, were introduced to the Conference.

Admitted On Trial—Question I—Who are admitted on trial?—was called.

William O. Troutman, recommended by the New Orleans District Conference; John L. Sutton, by the Baton Rouge District Conference; Glenn Flinn, by the Alexandria District Conference; Francis M. Freeman, by the Crowley District Conference; Thomas Jefferson Holladay, by the Shreveport District Conference; William H. Jordan, by the Arcadia District Conference; William Walter Holmes, by Murfreesboro District Conference, Tennessee Annual Conference, having been favorably reported upon by the Committee of Examination, and having been recommended by the Committee on Admission, were admitted on trial into the Conference.

Question 2—Who remain on trial?—was called. The names were called and the characters passed of E. C. Bott, E. L. Cargill, J. D. Nesom, W. H. Coleman, M. H. Honeycutt, R. H. Green, A. A. Bernard, S. L. Riggs, and the Committee of Examination reporting favorable, they were, on motion, advanced to the class of the second year.

The names were called and the characters passed of J. S. Rutledge and G. P. White, but not having been before the Committee of Examination, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the first year.

Question 3—Who are discontinued?—was called Charles T. Stepp was discontinued on motion of his Presiding Elder.

Church Extension—Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, addressed the Conference.

Question 7—Who are the deacons of one year?—was called. The names of W. G. Roberts and J. G. Sloane were called, their characters passed, and the Committee on Examination reporting favorably, they were, on motion, advanced to the class of the fourth year, as deacons of one year.

The names of A. J. Coburn and E. K. Means were called, and their characters passed, and not having been before the Committee on Examination, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the third year, as deacons of one year.

Deacons—Question 8—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?—was called. The names were called and the characters passed of Hannibal E. Carter and Eugene L. Cargill, and, the Committee on Examination reporting favorably, they were on motion advanced to the class of the third year and elected to deacons orders.

The names were called and the characters passed of W. D. Kleinschmidt, Denial E. Kelly, N. F. Hoffpauir and L. L. Roberts. Having been ordained local deacons, they were, on motion, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, advanced to the class of the third year.

The names were called and the characters passed of J. W. Reed, A. F. Vaughan, J. H. Montgomery and H. B. Carre. Not having been before the Committee on Examination, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the second year.

Question 10—What local preachers are elected deacons?—was called: M. Carter Holt and William H. Jordan, recommended the one by the Crowley District Conference, the other by the Arcadia District Conference, were on motion elected to deacon's orders.

Elders—Question 12—What traveling preachers are elected elders?—was called. The names of Henry Newton Brown, Charles D. Atkinson, Lewis Flemen Alford, William T. Woodward, Barnette Wright, George D. Purcell, were called, their characters passed, and the Committee on Examination reporting favorably, they were. on motion, elected to elder's orders.

The names were called and the characters passed of W. R. Harvell and Martin Hebert. Not having been before the Committee on Examination, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the fourth year.





Question 14—What local preachers are elected to elder's orders?—was called. Answer: None.

James M. Beard, having been recommended by the Committee on Admission, after statements made by himself upon the floor of the Conference signifying his agreement in doctrine and polity with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was received from the Methodist Protestant Church as a member in full connection, and his orders as elder in said Church were recognized.

Resolution of Sympathy—The following resolution presented by J. L. P. Sheppard, was passed by a rising vote:

Having learned that Sister T. J. Upton is critically and dangerously ill, and that Brother Upton's health is in a precarious condition;

Resolved, That we, the members of the Louisiana Conference, assembled at Minden, tender our deep sympathy and prayers to our brother, and commend him and his stricken wife to the tender care of our heavenly Father.

J. L. P. SHEPPARD. ROBT. W. VAUGHAN. C. C. MILLER. F. N. PARKER.

Greeting from B. F. White—The following greeting from Rev. B. F. White was received:

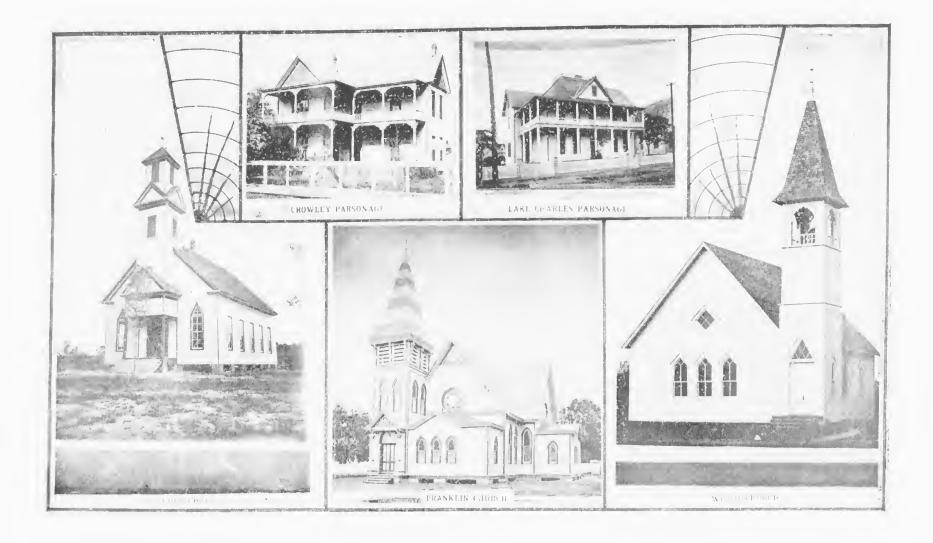
I greet the Bishop and my brethren in the Conference. I assure you all that my heart is with you, and that I am praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Conference.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to telegraph the resolution to Brother Upton, and to respond, by telegraph, to the greeting of Brother White.

Vacancies Filled—The following vacancies were filled: On Committee on Examination for the Class of the First Year—J. D. Harper, C. C. Wier. On Committee on Temperance—A. S. Lutz. On Board of Education—J. L. P. Sheppard in place of A. J. Notestine, and S. D. Pearce in place of C. C. Het lerson.

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the characters passed of H. G. Davis, Richard Wilkinson, W. W. Drake, William Schuhle, John F. Foster, K. W. Dodson, P. H. Fontaine and Thomas Carter.

Anti-Saloon League—Rev. J. A. Maples, representing the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced.

Announcements having been made, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction given by Dr. Keener, and Conference adjourned.

# THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1903.

Conference was called to order at 9 a. m., December 18th, according to rule by Bishop Key.

Opening—Devotional services, consisting of the reading of Psalm xl., singing hymn 437, "Lord, in the strength of grace," and prayer, was conducted by Rev. N. S. Cornell.

Arrivals and Substitutions—John E. Morris, alternate from the Monroe District, was recognized in place of A. L. Slack, lay delegate, and his presence noted. The presence of J. J. Johnson, lay delegate from the Monroe District, was noted. M. F. Machen, in place of M. W. Morrow, and Noel Norwood, from Alexandria District.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

C. T. Stepp—On motion, the presiding elders were permitted to employ as supply. Charles T. Stepp, discontinued yesterday.

Communications from T. H. McClendon and A. D. Mc-Voy were received with certificates from their presiding elders, and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Reports—Documents from the Epworth League Board and the Board of Education, and the Board of Trustees of the M. E. Church, South, were received and referred to the respective Conference Boards without reading.

**Discontinued**—Question 3—Who are discontinued?—was resumed.

A communication from J. H. Montgomery having been received by his presiding elder, stating that he was in poor health, and that he for that reason deemed himself unable to take full work next year, was discontinued at his own request.

Question 20 was resumed.

The names were called and the characters passed of W. E. Boggs, A. S. Lutz, C. F. Staples, J. L. P. Sheppard, C. B. Carter, W. G. Evans, C. C. Wier, J. M. Alford, W. F. Henderson, R. J. Harp, T. S. Randle, J. F. Patterson, J. M. Brown. Wilson Moore, H. Armstrong, R. H. Wynn, B. H. Sheppard, B. T. Crews, J. R. Roy, H. J. Boltz, H. O. White, H. W. Rickey, J. B. Williams, N. S. Cornell, C. C. Miller, J. A. Parker, S. H. Whatley, R. C. Grace, N. J. Roberts, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, G. D. Anders, W. H. Benton, J. P. Haney, P. M. Brown.

The name of Wilson Moore was called, and his presiding elder alleged an error in official administration in his having allowed a woman to preach in his pulpit. On motion, his character was passed

on condition of confession and amendment.

Question 10 was resumed. Martin H. Honeycutt having been three years a local preacher, and one year on trial in the traveling connection, was elected to deacon's orders.

Report of Legal Conference—S. S. Keener presented the report of the Legal Conference, appropriating \$1,000 to the Conference Claimants fund. The report was received and adopted. (See Appendix B).

Epworth Leagues—The report of the Epworth League Board was submitted by R. H. Wynn. On motion, the report was received and adopted. (See Appendix C). On nomination of the League Board F. S. Parker was substituted for A. C. Smith on the Board.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced, and addressed the Conference briefly.

Temperance—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by A. S. Lutz. On motion, the report was received and adopted with the following recommendations. (See Appendix D).

We recommend, first, that the work of the Anti-saloon League be placed upon the highest vantage ground by working wisely and persistently in forming an organization in every community, and endeavoring to make it the official representative of the various denominations, and of all other temperance advocates and organizations in the fight against the liquor traffic.

Second, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with like committees of other denominations in an aggressive move for a state-

wide movement at such time and place as may seem suitable.

We further commend the International Reform Bureau in its efforts to secure a world treaty for prohibition of opium and intoxicants among uncivilized races, and in its endeavor to protect "no license" against "interstate commerce trickery," by promoting interstate liquor acts in Congress.

A. S. LUTZ.
WILLIAM SCHUHLE.
G. G. GILL.
W. T. HOLLAND.
MILTON F. JOHNSON.

Bible Cause—The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was presented by S. J. Davies. It was received and adopted, on motion, with the following recommendations. (For report see Appendix E).

We recommend, first, that our preachers practice much diligence in the dissemination of Bibles among the people, and encourage the reading and study of same in every available manner.

Second, that in our Epworth Leagues and Sabbath Schools we organize classes for Bible study, and thereby impress upon the youth and children the worth, meaning and grace of God's word.

Third, that we most heartily endorse the great work being done by the American Bible Society at home and abroad, and give it our support.

S. J. DAVIES, Chairman.

Woman's Home Missions—Mrs. Francis A. Lyons, President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, was in roduced, and addressed the Conference, especially emphasizing the deaconness movement.

Education—Dr. J. D. Hammond, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Committee Announced—The Bishop announced the following as the committee of three, appointed in conformity with the recommendation of the Report on Temperance: F. N. Parker, A. S. Lutz, S. D. Pearce.

Woman's Foreign Missions—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced, and presented the reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. (See Appendix F. and G).

Rev. J. F. Waltman, an elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, having been recommended by the Committee on Admission, was, on motion, admitted as a member in full connection, and his orders were recognized.

Introduction—Rev. H. M. Ellis, of the Mississippi Conference, was introduced.

Superannuates Fund—Dr. A. F. Watkins, Agent of the Superannuates' Endowment Fund, addressed the Conference. The hour of adjournment having come, the time of sitting was, on motion, extended in order that Dr. Watkins might finish his address.

Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Hammond.

# FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1903.

Conference was called to order at 9 a. m., December 19th, according to rule, by Bishop Key. Devotional service, consisting of reading John xvi., singing hymn 486, "A charge to keep I have," and prayer was conducted by Rev. R. S. Isbell. The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Arrivals and Substitutions—The presence of G. M. Shaffer, lay delegate from the Arcadia District, was noted, and his alternate, R. T. McClendon, was substituted for J. F. Cooper. M. F. Machen, alternate, was substituted for William W. Morrow, as lay delegate from the Alexandria District.

District Conference Records—The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was submitted by R. W. Vaughan, and, on motion, was received and adopted. (See Appendix H).

Transfers Announced—Question 6 was resumed. The transfer of Nicholas E. Joyner from the Central Mexican Conference, and James E. Lewis from the Mississippi Conference, were announced.

Joint Board of Finance—The report of the Joint Board of Finance was submitted by K. W. Dodson, and adopted with appropriations and apportionments. (See Appendix I).

Question 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, were answered. (See Condensed Minutes).

**Introduction**—Rev. L. C. Wilson, transferred from the Pacific Conference, was introduced.

A Resolution—K. W. Dodson introduced the following resolutions, which were passed:

Resolutions of the Joint Board of Finance:

Recognizing, as we do, the wisdom of the General Conference in setting apart the much needed work in which Dr. Watkins is engaged,

Be it resolved, That we, the Louisiana Conference, pledge him our hearty co-operation in every way possible, and with our prayers and finances, aid in the forward movement of this worthy cause.

Be it resolved, second, That each pastor present this work to his charge annually.

K. W. DODSON.

Church Extension—The report of the Board of Church Extension was presented by J. I. Hoffpauir, and on motion, was adopted, together with appropriations and apportionments. (See Appendix J).

Church Publications—The Committee on Church Publications presented its report through J. M. Brown, and, on motion, it was received and adopted with the following resolutions. (See Appendix M.):

Resolved, That this committee request the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate to file with the Committee on Church Publications at each annual Conference session a full report of their actions during the current year.

Resolved, second, That beginning with the next ensuing session of the Conference the term of one member of the Publishing Committee shall cease, and on nomination of the Committee of Church Publications, the vacancy thus occurring shall be filled.

The retirement of one member each year, as herein provided, shall be in order of seniority in office. Nothing in this provision shall be so construed as to render the retiring member ineligible to re-election.

J. M. BROWN, Chairman.

On nomination of the Committee on Publishing Interests, S. S. Keener, John T. Sawyer and F. N. Parker were constituted the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate for the year 1904.

Question 3—Who are discontinued?—was called.

After statements by his presiding elder commending his Christian character, the discontinuance of E. C. Bott was moved by his presiding elder, and he was discontinued. On motion the presiding elders were granted permission to employ E. C. Bott as supply.

A Substitution—J. M. Brown asked to be released from the chairmanship of the Committee on Church Publications. On motion, he was released, and W. E. Boggs was put in his place.

Resolution of Sympathy—The following resolution was introduced by J. A. Parker, and passed by a rising vote:

Whereas, a great affliction has fallen on Bishop J. C. Keener in the death of his wife since our last session, and whereas we sympathize deeply with him, therefore

Be it resolved, That the Louisiana Conference as a body and as individuals do hereby express our sympathy with this venerable servant of God and devoutly pray for our Father's supporting grace in this sad hour of his long and useful life.

J. A. PARKER. J. L. P. SHEPPARD.

Conference Relations—The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented by J. A. Parker, and adopted as shown in the two following questions and answers:

Question 17—Who are supernumerary?—was called.

Answer: E. N. Evans and H. W. Ledbetter.

Question 18—Who are superannuated?—was called.

Answer: George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Johnston, A. D. McVoy, B. F. Whi e, J. F. Wynn, F. G. Hocutt, T. H. McClendon, M. G. Jenkins, J. M. Franklin, W. J. Porter, J. A. Miller, T. J. Upton.

Education—Report No. 1, of the Board of Education, was presented by J. A. Parker, and on motion, was adopted by a vote of 53 to 34, a division having been called for. (See Appendix K.)

Full Connection—Question 4—Who are admitted into full connection?—was called and answered: Hannibal E. Carter, Eugene L. Cargill, William D. Kleinschmidt, Daniel E. Kelly, Nelson F. Hoffpauir, Luther L. Roberts, were called forward, and after giving satisfactory answers to the Disciplinary questions, were, on motion, admitted into full connection by a rising vote.

Prison Work—John L. Sutton, Chaplain to the Angola Prison Farm, addressed the Conference on the work among prisoners in the State.

The following resolution was presented by F. N. Parker, and passed:

Whereas, our Lord and Master has enjoined upon us the ministry to the imprisoned, and whereas the visiting of prisoners was one of the first Christian enterprises undertaken by John Wesley, and whereas the confinement of the law-breakers and morally corrupt affords Christians one of their few opportunities of reaching them, and whereas the advanced and philanthropic methods of handling the criminal classes look not simply to their punishment but to their reformation, therefore

Be it resolved, That we recognize the work of ministering to the prisoners as a branch of the Church's work, and that we request our pastors in those towns where the parish jails are located, to provide for the moral and spiritual instructions of their inmates by appointing a committee from the Sunday-School, Epworth League, or adult membership to visit them and distribute literature among them.

W. WINANS DRAKE

H. G. DAVIS. J. R. MOORE.

F. S. PARKER.

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New Orleans Book Depository—W. H. LaPrade presented the following report of the Committee on considering the equities of reopening a book depository in New Orleans, which, on motion, was adopted:

The committee appointed at the Conference session of 1902 to look into the equities of reopening a book depository of the Publishing House in the building owned by the Conference for that purpose in New Orleans, beg leave to report progress, and ask for further time.

WM. H. LaPRADE, for Committee.

Sunday Schools—J. F. Foster submitted the report of the Sunday-school Board, which, on motion, was received and adopted. (Appendix L).

Mansfield Proposal—C. B. Carter submitted an explanation of the clause "or change its relation" in the report of the Board of Education No. 1, relative to the Mansfield proposal. On motion, the paper was laid on the table.

Board of Missions—The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was received and adopted. (See Appendix N).

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, having been read the previous evening, was submitted without reading. (See Appendix O). John T. Sawyer was nominated by the Board of Missions as Conference Secretary of Missions.

Afternoon Session—It was moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock.

Woman's Home Missions—Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Home Mission Society were received. (See Appendix P. and Q).

Announcements for Sunday services were made by the Committee on Public Worship.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment Conference convened at 3 p. m., December 19th. Bishop Key in the chair. The devotional service, consisting of reading from Ephesians iv., singing hymn 736, "Saviour of all, to thee we bow," and prayer was conducted by Rev. Robert Randle. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Education Aid—The report of the Minister's Education Aid Association was presented by J. F. Foster, and received. (See Appendix R).

Board of Missions—The following supplemental report of the Board of Missions, embodying resolutions, was submitted by H. W. Rickey, and, on motion, was adopted:

Dear Brethren: In accordance with the special request of Dr. W. R. Lambuth, one of the General Secretaries, we submit the following resolutions:

First, resolved, That we, as members of this Conference, use every diligence to increase the circulation of "Go Forward."

Second, that we will take the missionary collections early, and as far as our Conference is concerned, we will do our part to relieve the pressure on the General Board that necessitates the borrowing of money.

Third, that we request the presiding elders to press the missionary collections on preachers and congregations on their first round of quarterly conferences, and that of district conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. RICKEY, Secretary.

Orphan's Home—The report of the Orphan's Home Board was submitted by C. C. Wier, and adopted, paragraph by paragraph, as follows:

Your Board has not met during the year until during the present Conference session. At a meeting Thursday, December 17, it was decided to submit a plan of operations to the Conference for action.

We recommend that there be a clear expression of our duty to the homeless children of our State, and especially to those of the families of our own church. Not that we may emulate the zeal of other religious bodies by which we should long ago have been provoked unto love of the orphan and good works in his care, but because the destitute are the Master's charge and concern, we should permit no delay in the fulfillment of this duty.

We recommend that an agent be appointed to devote his time to the work of raising funds for the purpose of establishing an orphanage during the present year, and that he be authorized to submit the matter to various town and municipal communities in order to secure bids from them for the location of the orphanage.

That as soon as the bids can be submitted the Board meet to decide upon a location.

That the Board have full authority to proceed with the details of the work, forming a Board of Trustees under the law of the Church and the State of Louisiana, and that the agent be also manager of the orphanage, in case it can be got into operation during the present year.

That each congregation take a collection for the orphanage, opening the pulpit to our agent, in case he can visit it, and in his absence, making the offering under the leadership of the pastor or presiding elder.

C. C. WIER. J. D. HARPER.

J. T. SAWYER.

F. S. PARKER.

A Substitution—On recommendation of the Orphanage Board, H. W. Rickey was put in place of H. R. Singleton, transferred.

It was moved by S. J. Davies that the Board of Orphan's Home designate the Agent, and recommend his appointment to the Bishop. The motion prevailed.

Place of Next Meeting—Question 45—Where shall the next session of Conference be held?—was called. Lake Charles and New Orleans were put in nomination, and Lake Charles was chosen by a vote of 47 to 34. On motion, the choice was made unanimous.

Correspondence School—A communication from the Correspondence School was submitted, and referred without reading to the Board of Education.

Question 5—Who are readmitted?—was called.

Answer: None.

Question 16—Who are located this year?—was called.

Answer: None.

Question 44—What are the educational statistics?—was called.

Answer: Value of schools and colleges, \$150,000; endowment, \$10,000; professors, 23; pupils, 345.

Board of Education—The report of the Board of Education No. 2, was presented by J. A. Parker. It was received and adopted, item by item, as follows. (For body of report see Appendix S):

We recommend that the Conference reaffirm the action of this body at its last session in regard to the Correspondence School, and recommend that all our undergraduates take the course required by said school.

We further recommend that all our young preachers, who can do

so, take post graduate courses.

We recommend that the following brethren be elected Trustees of Mansfield Female College, viz., J. R. Moore, A. F. Jackson, J. L. P. Sheppard, B. T. Crews, W. F. Henderson, J. M. Brown, J. D. Harper, C. C. Miller, C. B. Carter, W. H. LaPrade, S. S. Keener, R. H. Wynn, W. F. Price, and the Pastor at Mansfield, W. L. Foster, C. B. Hicks, H. H. White, S. A. Kidd, L. A. Cooley.

Trustees for Greensburg Fitting School—I. D. Wall, W. L. Tillery. R. M. Collins, H. W. Rickey, W. H. LaPrade, C. C. Miller, F. N. Parker, T. D. Lindsay, R. N. Thompson.

We recommend that J. B. Riley be placed on the Board of Edu-

cation in place of W. R. Baker.

The Board further recommends that the presiding elders and pastors carry out the educational plan suggested by the General Board of Education.

Rev. J. M. Henry, W. W. Drake, R. H. Wynn are suggested as a Committee to take the necessary steps to inaugurate an institute for the Louisiana Conference.

A final resolution touching the proposal from citizens of Shreveport, with reference to locating a college there, was substituted by the following, introduced by J. M. Henry:

Whereas, the Louisiana Conference is assured, through the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, that the citizens of Shreveport are desirous of securing a Methodist Conference College located in their city, and have authorized him to communicate to the Conference the information that if the Church would establish a college there they would present to the Church a site for the college and the sum of seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars, therefore be it

Resolved by this Conference, That a committee of five be appointed by the Bishop to investigate the exact character of this proposition, and be it further

Resolved. That this committee be authorized to take such steps as may be possible towards the establishing of a college for boys at Shreveport, or any other place, which, in their judgment, is the best place for such a college.

C. B. CARTER. F. S. PARKER. J. R. MOORE. J. M. HENRY.

On a call for a division, the substitute was passed by a vote of 73 to 12.

Report No. 3—A supplemental report of the Board of Education (No. 3) was presented by J. A. Parker, and adopted. (See Appendix T).

On nomination of the Board of Education, W. H. LaPrade was appointed Conference Secretary of Education.

Memorial Session—It was moved that when we adjourn it be to meet in memorial session tomorrow, Sunday, at 3 p. m., The motion prevailed.

Conference adjourned on motion, with doxology and benediction.

# FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1903. Memorial Session.

Opening—Pursuant to adjournment, Conference met in memorial session Sunday afternoon, December 20, 1903, Bishop Key in the chair.

Devotional service, consisting of reading John xiv., singing hymn 879, and prayer, was led by Dr. Sawyer.

Question 19—What preachers have died during the past year?—was called. Dr. C. W. Carter read the memoir of James L. Wright. (See Appendix U). And Rev. J. B. Cassity read

the memoir of Eli E. Riggs (See Appendix V). After appreciative remarks by members of the Conference the report of the Committee of Memoirs was adopted.

An Address—An application of the lessons of the lives of the deceased brethren was made by the Bishop, and, after singing, the memorial session was adjourned.

# SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1903.

Conference opened Monday, December 21, at 9 a. m., according to rule, Bishop Key in the chair. Devotional service, consisting of reading Psalm xxvii., singing hymn 524, "My soul, with all thy awakened powers," and prayer was led by Dr. Sawyer. The minutes of the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday memorial sessions were read and approved.

Committee Appointed—The following commission, in conformity with the resolution of the Board of Education, report, looking towards a consideration of the college proposal of the City of Shreveport, was announced by the Bishop: J. M. Henry, J. R. Moore, J. O. Bennett, F. N. Parker, John T. Sawyer.

Orphanage Agent—The Bishop reported that in view of the shortness of the Conference force it was the judgment of the Cabinet that a man could not be spared at present for the agency of the Board of Orphanage.

A supplemental report of the Board of Orphanage was submitted by H. W. Rickey as follows:

Dear Brethren: In accordance with our instructions, we submitted a nomination for Agent of the Orphanage. The cabinet advise us that no man can be spared from the active pastorate; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we ask permission of the Conference to leave the question of an Agent an open one with the Bishop and Cabinet after adjournment of Conference.

H. W. RICKEY, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Greetings from Bishop Keener—Bishop Key announced that he received a message from Bishop Keener, conveying his Christian greeting to the Conference.

Ordinations—Deacon's—Question 9—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?—was called.

The Bishop reported that he had ordained, after the morning service yesterday in the Methodist Church, to the order of deacon, Hannibal E. Carter and Eugene L. Cargill.

Question II—What local preachers are ordained deacons? was called.

The Bishop reported that he had ordained to the order of deacon, following the morning service in the Methodist Church yesterday, William H. Jordan and Martin H. Honeycutt.

Elders— Question 13—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?—was called.

The Bishop reported that he had, at the conclusion of the memorial session yesterday in the Methodist Church, ordained to the order of elder, Henry Newton Brown, Charles D. Atkinson, Lewis Flemen Alford, William T. Woodward, Barnette Wright, George D. Purcell.

Question 15—What local preachers are ordained elders? —was called.

Answer: None.

Centenary College-The following resolutions were offered by C. B. Carter:

Whereas, It has been a question whether the Church has any title, rights or privileges in the property commonly known as Centenary College of Louisiana, and long supposed to be the property of the Louisiana Conference; therefore

Be it resolved, That a commission consisting of Reverends C. W. Carter, J. A. Parker and J. R. Moore, be appointed to investigate all matters relevant thereto, and, if possible, get a title in fee simple for the Louisiana Annual Conference; the title to be placed in the legal Conference:

And further, That this Commission have full powers to approve any trustees that may be nominated by the President of the Board of Trustees, when they may deem satisfactory; such approval to have the full force and effect of the approval of the Louisiana Annual Conference in regular session convened.

And that the Commission report in writing at the next session of W. W. DRAKE. the Conference.

F. S. PARKER. J. M. HENRY.

J. VAN CARTER. F. N. PARKER. C. B. CARTER.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was received, answering questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43.

Transfer Announced—Question 6 was resumed, and the Bishop announced the transfer of F. P. Doak from the Little Rock Conference.

Thanks—The following resolution of thanks was passed by a rising vote:

For the unexcelled hospitality shown the members of the Louisfana Conference by the people of Minden, we hereby extend our sincerest thanks, especially appreciating the fact that our sister denominations have been most unselfish and helpful in our entertainment, and we pray heaven's richest blessings upon these homes and churches. And to the press of New Orleans and Shreveport and elsewhere we extend thanks for the full telegraphic reports and accurate record of the proceedings of the Conference; and to the railroads of the State we extend sincere thanks for all courtesies in the way of reduced rates.

P. O. LOWRY. J. R. MOORE.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Appointments and Closing—Question 46—Where are the preachers stationed this year?—was called. After singing and prayer the appointments were read and the Conference adjourned sine die, with benediction by the Bishop.

Joseph S. Key

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# CONDENSED MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

# Louisiana Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

HELD AT

MINDEN, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 16th TO 21st, 1903

Question I—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer-W. O. Troutman, J. L. Sutton, Glenn Flinn, F. M. Freeman, Jefferson Holladay, W. H. Jordan, W. W. Holmes.

Question 2-Who remain on trial?

Answer—E. L. Cargill, J. D. Nesom, W. H. Coleman, M. H. Honeycutt, R. H. Green, A. A. Bernard, S. L. Riggs, J. W. Reed, A. F. Vaughn, J. H. Montgomery and H. B. Carre, in class of the second year; J. S. Rutledge and G. P. White, in class of the first year.

Question 3—Who are discontinued?

Answer: C. T. Stepp, J. H. Montgomery, E. C. Bott.

Question 4—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—H. E. Carter, E. L. Cargill, D. E. Kelly, N. F. Hoffpauir, L. L. Roberts, W. D. Kleinschmidt, in class of the third year.

Question 5-Who are readmitted?

Answer-None.

Question 6—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—L. C. Wilson, T. J. Warlick, E. K. Means, H. W. Bowman, N. E. Joiner, J. E. Lewis, F. P. Doak.

Question 7-Who are the deacons of one year?

Answer—W. G. Roberts, J. G. Sloane, W. R. Harvell, M. Hebert, in the class of the fourth year; A. J. Coburn and E. K. Means, in the class of the third year.

Question 8—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Answer—H. E. Carter and E. L. Cargill, in class of the third year.

Question 9—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer-H. E. Carter, E. L. Cargill.

Question 10—What local preachers are elected deacons? Answer—M. C. Holt, W. H. Jordan, M. H. Honeycutt.

Question 11—What local preachers are ordained deacons? Answer—W. H. Jordan, M. H. Honeycutt.

Question 12—What traveling preachers are elected elders? Answer—H. N. Brown, C. D. Átkinson, L. F. Alford, W. T. Woodward, Barnette Wright, G. D. Purcell.

Question 13—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

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Question 14—What local preachers are elected elders?.. Answer—None.

Question 15—What local preachers are ordained elders? Answer—None.

Question 16—Who are located this year? Answer—None.

Question 17—Who are supernumerary?

Answer-E. N. Evans and H. W. Leadbetter.

Question 18—Who are superannuated?

Answer—George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Johnston, A. D. McVoy, B. F. White, J. F. Wynn, F. G. Hocu't, T. H. McClendon, M. G. Jenkins, J. M. Franklin, W. J. Porter, J. A. Miller, T. J. Upton.

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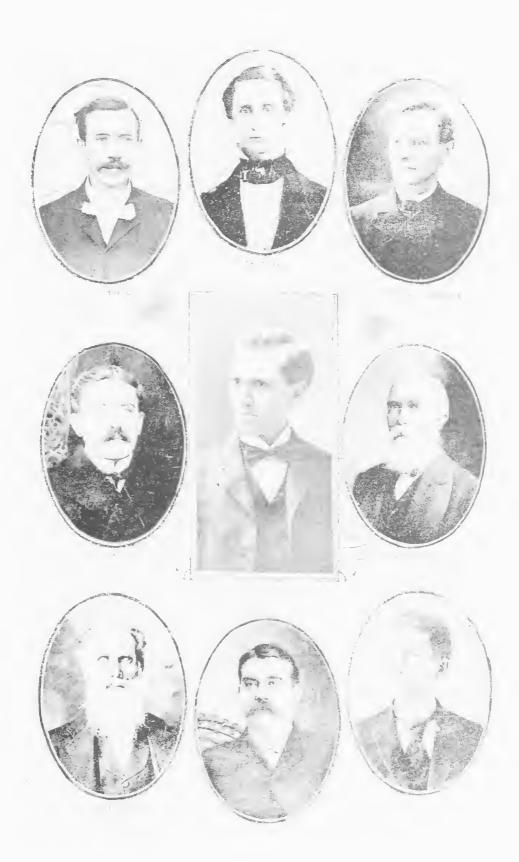
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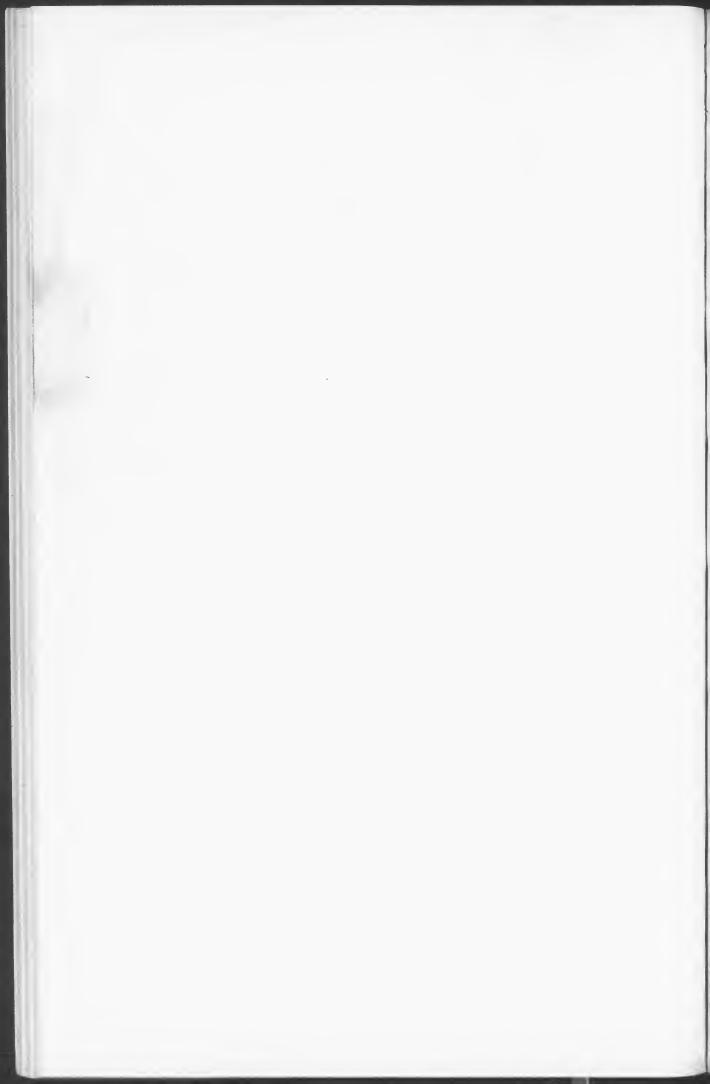
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Answer-James L. Wright and Eli E. Riggs.





Question 20—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—The names of all of the preachers were called one by one and their characters were passed.

Question 21—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer-Local Preachers 74, members 29,806,total 29,880.

Question 22—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1,022.

Question 23—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1,003.

Question 24—What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Answer—Senior Leagues 51, Junior Leagues 75.

Question 25—What is the number of Epworth League members?

Answer-Senior members 1,377, Junior, members 691.

Question 26—What is the number of Sunday-schools?

Answer—284.

Question 27—What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

Answer—1,728.

Question 28—What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the year?

Answer—14,923.

Question 29—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—\$4,600.

Question 30—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer—\$3,694 (See report of Joint Board of Finance).

Question 31—What has been contributed for missions?

Answer—Foreign, \$7,034.48; domestic, \$3,297.70.

Question 32—What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Answer—\$1,929.00.

Question 33—What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Answer-

Question 34—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge?

Answer—Presiding elders, \$10,655; preachers in charge, \$71,391.

**Question 35**—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Answer-\$997.00.

Question 36—What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them?

Answer—Number of societies, 392; number of houses of worship, 321.

Question 37—What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer-Value, \$685,845.00; indebtedness, \$11,836.00.

Question 38—What is the number of pastoral charges and parsonages owned by them?

Answer—Pastoral charges, 118; number of parsonages, 103.

Question 39—What is the value of parsonages and what is the indebtedness thereon?

Answer-Value, \$130,762; indebtedness, \$1,953.

Question 40—What is the number of districts and of district parsonages?

Answer—Number of districts, 7; number of district parsonages, 4.

Question 41—What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer-Value, \$6,700; indebtedness, \$1,600.

Question 42—What number of Churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage?

Answer-None damaged or destroyed.

Question 43—What are the insurance statistics?

Answer—Insurance carried, \$231,740; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, \$1.158. No collections on loss.

Question 44—What are the educational statistics?

Answer—Value of schools and colleges, \$150,000; endowment, \$10,000; professors, 23; pupils, 345.

Question 45—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Answer-Lake Charles.

Question 46—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer—The Bishop read the following:

### APPOINTMENTS.

ALIOINI	MENTS.			
Alexandria District.  J. L. P. Sheppard, Presiding Elder1				
Alexandria, Glenn Flinn	Melville, S. H. Whatley			
	District.			
J. O. Bennett, Presiding	ng Elder2			
Antioch, To be supplied by J. L.  Lay	Lanesville, J. H. Brown			
Baton Roug	ge District.			
F. N. Parker, Presiding Amite City, J. M. Beard	Ponchatoula, F. N. Sweeney1 Port Vincent, George P. White1 Pine Grove, H. C. Murphy, Supp1 St. Francisville, F. M. Freeman1 St. Helena, R. Randle2 Wilson, J. P. Haney1 Zachery, L. C. Wilson1 President of Centenary College C. C. Miller. Chaplain of Penitentiary, J. L. Sutton. Student in Vanderbilt University, A. A. Bernard.			
Crowley				
S. S. Keener, Presiding				
Abbeville, R. S. Isbell	Lake Charles, N. E. Joyner			

# Monroe District.

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J. A. Parker, Presiding	Elder1
Bastrop, H. E. Carter	Lake Providence, Barnette Wright.1 Mer Rouge, J. E. Denson
New Orlea	ns District.
W. H. LaPrade, Presid	ing Elder2
Algiers, J. M. Henry	Parker Memorial, K. W. Dodson1 Plaquemine, L. F. Alford2 Rayne Memorial, Richard Wilkinson (E. N. Evans, Supernumerary)
Shrevepor	et District.
J. R. Moore, Presiding	; Elder2
Benton, C. C. Wier	Many, H. W. Rickey
Transferred—A. C. Smith to I Northcutt to Alabama Conference, ference, I. T. Reams to Montana C Louis Conference, Wilson Moore to	Conference, H. R. Singleton to St.

F. S. PARKER, Secretary.

# APPENDIX.

Α.

## Report of Trustees of New Orleans Methodist Depository.

During the Conference year 1903 repairs that were necessary have been made. Insurance on buildings to the amount of \$6,000 have been attended to.

Our only source of revenue is the rent of the lower floor, as the upper floors are occupied by the New Orleans Christian Advocate without rent.

#### CREDITS.

New floor\$156	56
City and State taxes for 1903 10	50
Premium on insurance	50-\$330 56
Balance to Conference claimants	269 44

The following compose the Board of Trustees: J. H. Campman, President; W. W. Carre, Vice-President; J. W. Adams, Secretary; W. B. Thomson, Treasurer; J. C. Keener, W. W. Sutcliffe, A. S. Daniels, S. H. Meyer. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CAMPMAN, President.

New Orleans, December 13, 1903.

В.

# Report of S. S. Keener, President of Legal Conference.

We submit the following report from the legal Conference:

The lease having expired with Mr. A. A. Dean, after due advertisement, bids for a new lease were received. Mr. A. A. Dean offering the highest amount the Bynum Plantation was again leased to him for five years at a rental of two thousand dollars a year, he also agreeing to build, at his own expense, a residence of five rooms upon the plantation costing \$500.

### CASH STATEMENT.

To cash on hand\$	212	00
Rent of plantation for 1903 1	,250	00
Interest on \$1,074 to December 16	10	00-\$1,472 00

### CREDITS.

By taxes, 1903\$ 17	6 00
By expenses	7 00
By appropriation for 1903	00 00
By cash in bank	9 00—\$1,472 00

### MOORE FUND.

Interest on	\$910.00	\$ 72 80	0
	B. McCutchen		0
	Respectfully,	S. S. KEENER.	

## Report of Epworth League Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Your Board have received no communication from the General Secretary, and no specific information from any source as to the status of the work throughout our Connection, but are glad to note that indications point to the basis of a healthy development in the future. It has been dicovered that enthusiasm alone, without wise direction, results in failure, and the wise direction which is so necessary is becoming more evident than formerly in the carefully prepared outlines of work and methods now emanating from various sources. Among a number of recent provisions we note with gratification the Interstate Courses prepared by Dr. Featherstun, consisting of a series of inexpensive booklets for the purpose of instruction in Church history, doctrine and polity, particularly Methodism. This is a need that has been long felt. There is also afforded a fine opportunity for the study of Christian Missions in the use of special text-books, prepared annually by competent authority, for the use of young students in the Christian societies in different denominations.

We note with pardonable pride the recent choice as Assistant Editor of the Epworth Era of a member of our Conference, Rev. Fitzgerald Sale Parker, D.D. He proposes to give special assistance through the columns of the paper to the efficient organization and operation of the Leagues.

No presiding elder or preacher in charge can look after the League interests of his district or charge to the best advantage without becoming a reader of the "Era," and we hope that each one will subscribe to it. We have appointed Rev. P. O. Lowry to act as agent for the paper.

We call attention to the proposal to establish a summer home for preachers and Leaguers at Monteagle, Tenn., to be called Epworth Home, and have appointed Rev. H. W. May as agent of this enterprise in Louisiana.

We call attention to the unusual advantages of the Seashore League Assembly to young persons who desire a summer vacation at small cost, and yet with valuable returns in physical, mental and spiritual coin. We recommend this opportunity, and we note with pleasure the plans for providing enlarged facilities for the special accommodation of Leaguers.

We urge each preacher in charge to give special attention to the study of the League subject during the coming year, and to give without grudge or stint, time and labor to whatever feature or features of the work he regards as adapted to the condition of the station or circuit to which he shall be appointed; and we urge each presiding elder to devote special attention to the efficient organization of the work in the district over which he is appointed to preside.

Since the preparation of this report the report of the General Secretary has been received.

R. H. WYNN.

D.

# Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

We reiterate all our former declarations as a Church concerning this most brazen enemy of children and country, of fireside and flag. We do not, by one hair's breadth, lower our standard. We declare now, as we have so often done before, that we seek the entire extirpation of the liquor traffic in the cities where rum, vice and poverty are found in a shameless alliance, and in the villages and rural communities,

where with difference of setting, the essential facts are unaltered. We are neither satisfied with the results already achieved, nor affrighted by the hostility developed, nor discouraged by the defeats which we have suffered. Concentration of effort for the accomplishment of the practicable seems to be the thing most needed at this time. The organization best adapted for this purpose seems to be the Anti-Saloon League, whose methods of attack vary in the different States, and whose uniform principles are (1) Agitation to arouse and build up public sentiment against the liquor traffic; (2) Law enforcement to secure the full benefit of the laws which we already have; (3) Legislation to secure in the various States better and stronger laws.

ALBERT S. LUTZ, Chairman.

E.

## Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

Your Committee submit the following report: We believe that the supremest interests and saving truth of our common faith can only be conserved and demonstrated by placing the Bible in the homes, and its sublime teachings in the hearts of our people. All the great struggles of the past, the service and sacrifice or those who, with dauntless courage, bore witness for righteousness and wrought for God, admonish us of the importance of this work.

Viewed from any standpoint, the English Bible is the richest heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race. Whether one studies the King James version, with its vast wealth of our pure and undefiled mother tongue, and rich store of literary treasure, or uses the more exact Canterbury revision, he is more than repaid for time and talent spent. I need only refer to the indisputable fact—the Book has molded the thought and fashioned the style of all that which is purest and best and most enduring in the field of English and American literature. Its thought embalmed and treasured up to a purpose of a life beyond life provokes new thought in the minds of men living, so that one hears echoes of its cadence and catches gleams of its beauties wherever the sturdy Saxon race has used its ready pen. But more than adorning the style of the writer, more than inspiring and begetting the thought of the poet, aye, more than all of human endeavor, is the great fact that it is the message of God to men. Simple and old as is the statement, yet it is the center about which the conflict of ages past and present rages. Despite the many utterances on the momentous question of Divine inspiration of the Scriptures, we still hold the ground that it is the Will and Word of God revealed, and the ultimate court of decision in ethics and morals. S. J. DAVIES.

F.

# Report of Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Louisiana Conference.

Organized Auxiliaries-Adult 32, members 749; Juvenile Auxiliaries 9, members 245; total, 994.

Life members, 36; scholarships, 9; Bible women, 6; missionaries supported, 1; dues paid, \$729.92; raised for support of Bible women, \$360; raised for other objects, \$1,097.98; total raised, \$2.545.90. Subscribers to Missionary Advocate, 220; to Little Workers, 96.

The next meeting will be held at Opelousas in April. There has been a net gain in membership of 125. Two scholarships have been withdrawn, and one Bible woman supported by an individual has been added. Over and above the pledge of \$750 made for the support of

Miss Helen Johnson; \$100 was pledged to the building of Isabella Hendrix School, in Juiz de Fora, Brazil, a school named in honor of our beloved "Mother Hendrix," mother of Bishop Hendrix; and \$65 has been raised for a scholarship loan fund in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. These amounts are to be paid by March 1st, 1904.

MRS. F. A. DICKS,

Corresponding Secretary.

## G. Report of Treasurer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

RECEIPTS.	
New Orleans District.	
Carondelet Street Auxiliary \$82.75 Carrollton Avenue Auxiliary 127.64 Carondelet Street Juvenile Auxiliary 4.80 Felicity Street Auxiliary 145.34 Louisiana Avenue Auxiliary 47.45 Rayne Memorial Auxiliary 334.26 Rayne Memorial Young People's Auxiliary 182.10 Parker Memorial Auxiliary 11.85 Plaquemine Auxiliary 4.10—\$	. 940.29
Baton Rouge District.	
Amite Auxiliary \$ 18.00 Amite Young Ladies' Auxiliary \$ 3.25 Amite Juvenile Auxiliary \$ 8.05 Baton Rouge Auxiliary \$ 56.72 Jackson Auxiliary \$ 73.21 Gayden Auxiliary \$ 40.30 Wilson Auxiliary \$ 22.10—\$	221.63
	221.05
Crowley District.  Crowley Auxiliary	
Lafayette Auxiliary	165.75
Alexandria District.	
Alexandria Auxiliary \$12.50 Bethel Auxiliary 16.12 Bunkie Auxiliary 25.20 Opelousas Auxiliary 77.11 Opelousas Juvenile Auxiliary 16.85 Simsport Auxiliary 14.95—\$	162.73
Shreveport District.	
Shreveport Auxiliary\$367.51Shreveport Juvenile Auxiliary106.71Greenwood Auxiliary54.25Mansfield Auxiliary26.80Keachie Auxiliary20.35Texas Avenue Auxiliary16.15—\$	591.77
Arcadia District.	
Homer Auxiliary	
Ruston Auxiliary 72.28—\$	294.48

#### Monroe District.

Monroe Auxiliary\$ 87.75—\$	87.75
Special Contributions.	
Dues at large       \$ 1.50         Miss Zoe Hicks       40.00         Baton Rouge Junior Epworth League Scholarship       40.00—\$	81.50
Grand total\$	2,545.90
MRS. J. J. HOLMES	<b>5</b> ,
Conference Treas	surer.

Minden, La., December 15, 1903.

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## Report of Committee on District Conserence Records.

We, your Committee on District Conference Records, have faithfully examined the books placed in our hands, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Alexandria District, Rev. P. M. Brown, Secretary; Noel Norwood, Assistant.—Indiscriminate capitalization of unimportant words. Incomplete sentences; no marginal indications. Otherwise correct.

Baton Rouge District, Rev. W. D. Kleinschmidt, Secretary.—Insufficient marginal indications. Not satisfactorily arranged.

Shreveport District, Rev. W. G. Evans, Secretary; Rev. W. F. Henderson, Assistant.—A model of neatness and arrangement.

Arcadia District, Rev. R. H. Wynn, Secretary. Record examined and approved.

New Orleans District, Rev. J. F. Foster, Secretary.—Minutes examined and approved.

Monroe District, Rev. S. S. Bogan, Secretary.—No marginal indications.

Crowley District.—Record not before the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. VAUGHAN.

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## Report of Joint Board of Finance.

The Joint Board of Finance report:

Received for Conference Claimants from the Auditing Board\$3,694.00 Received for Conference Claimants from Bynum Plantation 1,000.00 Received for Conference Claimants from New Orleans De-
pository
Received for Conference Claimants from Interest on Moore Fund
\$5,042.24  Less Appropriated to Sinking Fund
Balance Appropriated\$4,590.00

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REC	APITULATION OF REC	EIPTS	
Bynum Plantation New Orleans Deposi Interest on Moore Fi Colvin Fund For Bishops	tory		
	DISTRIBUTION.		\$6,322.24
Remitted Smith and			\$4,590.00 452.24 997.00
	CONTINGENT FUND	•	\$6,322.24
Balance on hand in Received from Rev.	Treasury, 1902 A. S. Lutz, 1902		\$ 510.51 2.50
Paid J. M. Franklin Paid J. H. Brown	eutt		100.00 125.00
Balance for 1	902		\$ 113.01
Balance on ha	nd in Treasury		\$ 565.28

#### Apportionments for 1904.

Districts	Bishop	Conf. Clm'ts	Minutes	Ex. Del Gen. Con
New Orleans	\$ 200	\$. 766	\$ 54	\$ 93
Baton Rouge	170	725	48	88
Crowley	200	<b>755</b>	54	92
Alexandria	150	644	42	77
Shreveport	220	850	56	110
Arcadia	170	733	48	88
Monroe	150	631	48	77
Total	\$1,260	\$5,104	\$ 350	\$ 625

K. W. DODSON, Chairman.

J

#### Report of Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference:

Bear Brethren—The Louisiana Conference Board of Church Extension is pleased to report an increase in collections.

The increase, while not a large one, is encouraging, for it shows that the great cause is kept before our people and that they are willing to respond.

On motion, the President of our Board was instructed to appoint a man from each district in our Conference to represent the cause of Church Extension before the District Conferences, and that the Presiding Elders are hereby respectfully requested to set apart an hour during the District Conference for the consideration of the cause of Church Extension.

The following appropriations have been made:

Pecan Grove Church, Monroe District\$	100.00
Jennings Church Crowley District	300.00
Traveling expenses of Executive Committee	8.40
Record Book	1.00
One-half collections to General Board	964.50
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Balance in T	\$1, Creasury	623.90 $305.10$
Total	\$1,	929.00

The following apportionments have been made to the districts, according to the requirements of the Discipline:

New Orleans District\$	382.00
Baton Rouge District	420.00
Crowley District	401.00
Alexandria District	361.00
Shreveport District	463.00
Arcadia District	419.00
Monroe District	304.00

Total .....\$2,750.00

J. I. HOFFPAUIR, Secretary.

K.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Education.

It will be a source of gratification to the Conference to know that Mansfield Female College is in a more prosperous condition at present than for many years past.

President Sligh states in his report that "The present year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the College."

There are ninety-five boarding pupils, with a total enrollment of one hundred and forty-five.

The buildings are in good condition, and new books have been added to the library, and new furniture, new pianos, and new chemical apparatus have been added during the year.

The citizens of Mansfield submit a proposition to donate \$15,000 or more to the College, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in supplying additional buildings and making such other improvements as the Board of Trustees may deem proper and for the best interests of the College. The condition of the donation is such that, in the event of the removal of the College from Mansfield or a change of relation of the Louisiana Conference to the College, the donation shall be paid back to the donors, or to their legal heirs.

The Board of Education recommend the acceptance of the donation as proposed by the donors.

Rev. J. L. P. Sheppard reported the sale of the Pierce and Paine College property and the distribution of the proceeds as per instructions of this Conference at its last session.

The Board recommend the appointment of Rev. A. A. Bernard as student in Vanderbilt University, and Rev. Martin H. Honeycutt as student in Centenary College; also, the appointment of Rev. C. C. Miller as President of Centenary College, and of Rev. Thomas Carter and Rev. H. B. Carre as professors in Vanderbilt University.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PARKER, Secretary of Board.

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## Report of Sunday-School Board.

Dear Brethren—Your Sunday-school Board with pleasure report an increase in the amount raised for Sunday-school purposes and an increased interest in general Sunday-school work. Your Board is planning for a campaign led by Dr. Hamill, in which it hopes to arouse much enthusiasm by imparting instruction in the best methods of improved Sunday-school work. Our plan is to hold in each district of the Conference a Sunday-school Institute, to be attended by delegates appointed by each school or Quarterly Conference, as the Presiding Elder may deem best. From this campaign we hope for an awakening of zeal and an onward march in this part of the Master's work. We would stress the subject of missions in the Sabbath-school, and request that each pastor see to it that each school devote the first Sunday of each month to this worthy object by preparing a missionary program and taking a collection.

The Board has decided to furnish all needy schools with the Children's Day Program, with the understanding that each school assisted shall observe Children's Day, taking the usual collection.

The cradle roll is a new feature of Sunday-school work, and one which, if rightly used, will do much to win the interest of the parents, as well as the children, to the Sabbath-school, thus increasing the membership of the school and gaining the interest of the parents of the children in your laudable work.

The Home Department has accomplished much in instructing the parents of our Sunday-school scholars in the Word of God, and, as the lessons are the same as those taught in the regular school, will aid the teacher in his work.

Those wishing literature furnished needy schools will pease have their applications indorsed by their Presiding Elders and sent to the President of the Board.

We hope that each pastor and Presiding Elder will do his best to make our institute movement a great success.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. FOSTER, President.

M.

## Report of Committee on Church Publications.

The Committee on Church Publications beg leave to submit the following:

We deem it unnecessary to recite to this Conference all the details of the business of the Publishing House as set forth in the exhibit, but the total profit of both houses, Nashville and Dallas after deducting losses on the Methodist Review, the Epworth Era, and the retail department at Nashville, amount to \$36,361.02. From this we see that the business, as a whole, is in sound condition, and, besdes this, there is a prospective decrease in the losses.

Since November 1 there has been the following increase in the subscriptions to the different periodicals: Christian Advocate, 1,300; Epworth Era 3,100, and to the Review, 300. There has also been a large increase in the circulation of our Sunday-school periodicals, except Our Little People, whose circulation remains the same. The losses in the retail department at Nashville will also decrease, if not entirely cease, because much of this loss is due to expense of fitting up the store and getting in the stock.

But with the best showing that can be made, we find that some of our publications have a circulation far less than they deserve. Counting the recent increase in the subscribers to the Christian Advocate, it has now only 16,900, the Epworth Era 14,500, and the Quarterly Review 2,200. In a great Church like ours these figures ought to be largely increased, because all these periodicals are worthy of a large patronage. The Review is suited to the taste and needs of the most cultured intellect; the Advocate is filled with choice reading for all classes, besides the connectional news which it gives us, and the Epworth Era is a gem of its kind for our young people.

We are glad to note in this connection that Rev. Dr. F. S. Parker will hereafter occupy a place on the editorial staff of the Era, and our Conference will thus be brought into closer touch with that sprightly young people's journal.

Our own Advocate, the New Orleans, has a circulation of 4,500, having had a net gain in subscribers during the past year of 300.

In Louisiana not more than 1,200 copies of the Advocate are taken, and this number ought, if possible, to be greatly increased.

With this small and slowly increasing circulation, it is impossible for the paper to compete with others as an advertising medium, and the publisher is unable to make many much needed mechanical improvements in the mechanical make-up of the paper.

We learn that negotiations are pending we hope with some probability of success, with a view of putting the paper on a better basis by putting a large capital and strong business management behind it.

We would again commend to the brethren the duty of canvassing for the New Orleans Advocate, and of presenting its claims to their congregations, and at the same time not ignoring our connectional organ and other publications of connectional character. We would also call the attention of the Conference once more to the convenience of the branch house at Dallas, and remind them that enlarged usefulness and increased facilities of that house can result only from increased patronage.

J. M. BROWN, Chairman.

N.

## Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

W. B. Thomson, Treasurer, in account with the Louisiana Annual Conference:

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

#### Dr.

To amount from pastoral charges on assessment  To amount from subscriptions for Soochow University  To amount from special, through J. W. Boswell  To amount from Seashore Camp-ground S. S., for Cuba  To amount from Anniversary Collection	$80.00 \\ 35.00 \\ 31.80$
Cr.	\$7,034.48
By amount remitted J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer	
DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	\$7,034.48
· Dr.	
To balance from last year  To unused appropriations Baton Rouge and Munroe Districts.  To amounts from pastoral charges on assessment  To amounts from Anniversary Collection	140.00 $3,142.10$
Cr.	\$3,565.66
By appropriation to New Orleans District By appropriation to Baton Rouge District By appropriation to Crowley District By appropriation to Alexandria District By appropriation to Shreveport District By appropriation to Arcadia District By unpaid subscription, Anniversary Collection, 1902. By printing and postage By New Orleans Christian Advocate Missionary Edition By traveling expenses Missionary Secretary By balance on hand	. 400.00 . 700.00 . 450.00 . 580.00 . 475.00 . 5.00 . 5.75 . 25.00 . 15.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS.	\$3,565.66
Foreign Missions	
Grand total	\$10,600.14

W. B. THOMSON, Treasurer.

December 19, 1903.

Report of the Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

In Louisiana the Providence of God has wiped out the distinctions between the home and foreign missionary fields. If we will not send our money to foreign fields, God has sent the heathen to our shores. The Dago, the Chinaman, the Turk, the Indian, the Negro, the untutored European, are already here. If we are to preserve the Anglo-Saxon supremacy, we must Christianize them, or they will heathenize us. It is no longer a question of geography or of parallels of latitude and longitude, but of self-preservation, progress, retention of our rights and privileges as citizens of America and servants of God.

All the problems of the foreign fields are unloaded upon us, and solve them we must, or they will dissolve us who are in Louisiana.

In making Louisiana it seems the Divine purpose has not been a mere question of agriculture. God did not bestow upon her soil such richness, on her forests such profusion of serviceable wood stuffs, or make Avery's Island the salt-cellar of the world's table, or hide sulphur for the world's matches, or oil for the states' machinery, or thread her pastures with silver streams, or carpet her fields with grasses and herbs for the roving cattle, for purely secular purposes. Three great rivers seam her garment of beauty, navigable waterways pierce her interior regions, the alluvial riches of twenty-six states have been poured into her lap.

Louisiana needs but to be known to be sought after; and the world is slowly discovering that a man can raise more children on less money, and get more for them on less exertion, and enjoy more religious and educational privileges on less social prestige in Louisiana than in any other State in the Union. We must become missionaries, or we will become, eventually, dromedaries of the Dago, the Turk, the Jew, or the German and their commercial genius.

We need more money, a large circulation of literature, more prayer, larger inspiration, wiser planning, and conscience-stirring teaching.

Difficulties only strengthen the moral muscles of God's saints; discouragements only bring out the abilities of God. We have done much, we are determined to do more.

The Conference Board unanimously request the Bishop to appoint Rev. J. T. Sawyer, Conference Missionary Secretary, to go where and when he can to be a teaching, spiritualizing, collection center of mission activity.

We are glad to note much improvement on many lines—and a larger interest drawn toward the home work, whilst we do not abate one iota of interest in the extensive affairs of God's world. We plead simply that we drink deep of the fountain of every blessing, and promise, as far as in us lies, to bring every blessing of God to those who are far away or near by our God.

The following are the apportionments for 1904:

	Foreign	$\mathbf{Domestic}$
Districts.	Missions.	Missions.
New Orleans	\$1,243	\$ 803
Baton Rouge	1,058	688
Crowley		765
Alexandria		615
Shreveport		867
Arcadia		655
Monroe		607
	\$7,718	\$5,000

P.

## Report of Louisiana Conference Woman's Home Mission Society.

Adult Auxiliaries, 45; Juvenile Auxiliaries, 15; adult members, 838; juvenile members, 207; average attendance, 472; life members, 32; added to baby roll during the year, 121; subscribers to Our Homes, 217; adult mite boxes in use, 32; juvenile mite boxes in use, 87; pledged to tithing, 52; boxes of supplies sent off, 3; scholarships supported, 8; papers and leaflets distributed, 2,570; auxiliaries observing week of prayer, 12; visits to sick and strangers, 1,980; visits to corrective and benevolent institutions, 259; cottage prayer-meetings or Bible readings, 208; garments in good order distributed, 1,920; needy persons assisted, 260; auxiliaries holding union meetings, 11; auxiliaries represented in city Mission Boards, 11; city missionaries employed, 1; auxiliaries contributing to connectional work, 1; amount of money sent to Conference Treasurer, \$1,113.99; contributed for local work, \$1,696.61; value of parsonages, \$106.052.

#### CITY MISSION BOARD, NEW ORLEANS.

Public meetings held, 4; industrial schools, 1; teachers employed during the year, 12; children in attendance during the year, 255; city missionaries, 1; amount donated to parsonages during the year, \$300.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY, Secretary.

# Q. Report of Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Home Mission Society.

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Amount remitted of adult membership dues\$	73.05
Amount remitted of young people or juvenile dues	21.25
Amount remitted of for baby roll	
Amount remitted of life members	25.00
Amount remitted of week of prayer	94.13
Amount remitted of scholarships	27.50
Amount remitted of from adult mite boxes	4.25
Amount remitted of baby mite boxes	16.34
Amount remitted of loan funds	4.70
Amount remitted of Florine McEachern mite box	5.40
Amount remitted of Paine Institute	100.00
General work	306.00
Free will offering	1.30
Amount received for Conference expense fund	111.19
Value of supplies sent off and reported to Superintendent	195.95
Value of supplies given locally	88.75
Amount expended on parsonages	677.10
Amount expended on local church work	726.60
Amount expended on relief of needy	308.00
Amount expended for salary of city missionary	200.85
Amount expended for city mission work	81.54
Amount Capolidor for one mission work	

\$2,278.79

The following parsonages in our own Conference have been helped out of the Conference fund:

Grand Cane, \$50; Kentwood. \$25; Melville, \$50; St. Francisville, \$75; Gibbsland, \$25; Leesville, \$75; Total, \$300.

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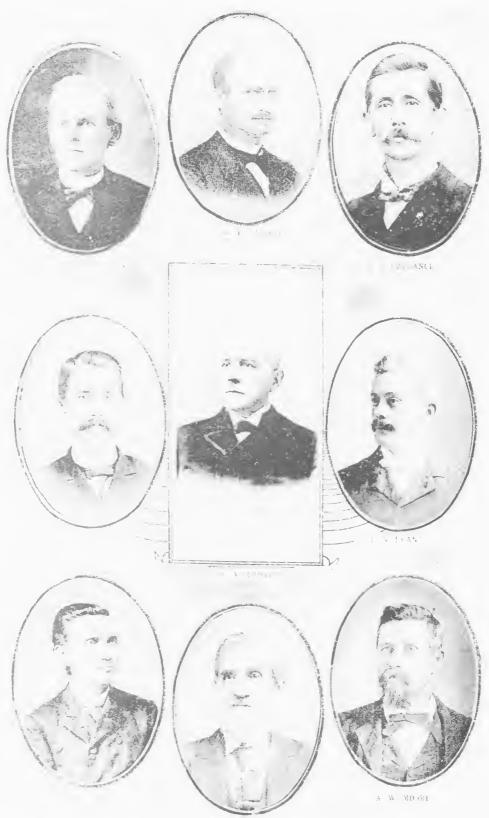
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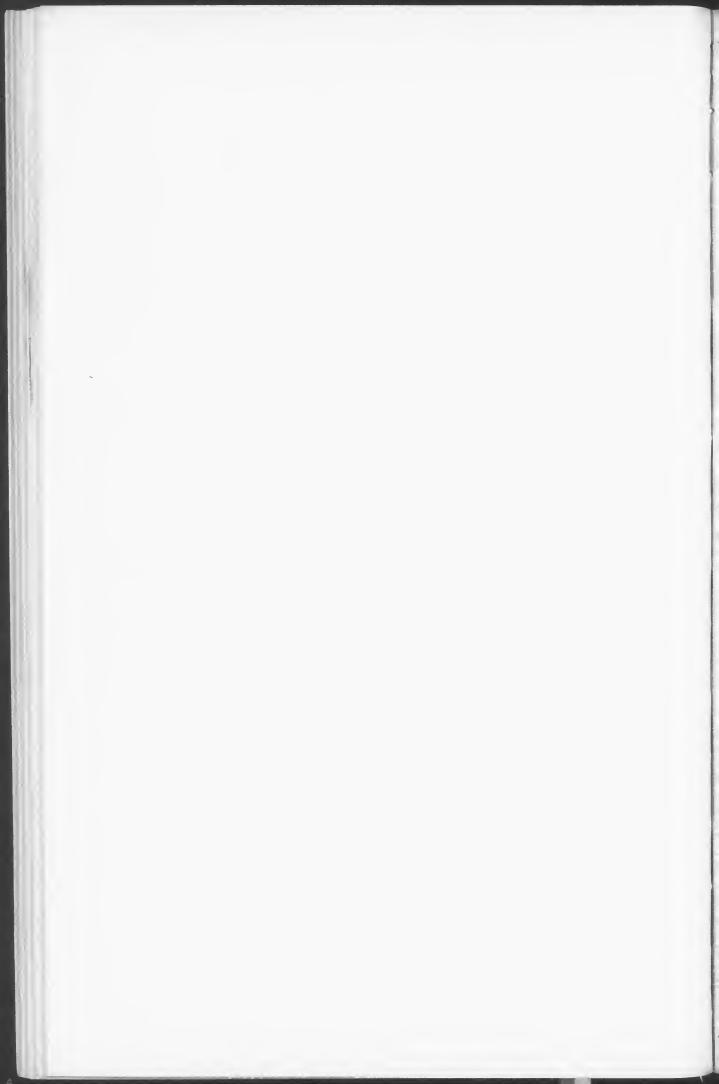
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J. W. HARMON



## RECEIPTS BY DISTRICTS.

#### New Orleans District.

New Orleans District.	
Cash.	Vouchers.
Rayne Memorial Auxiliary\$ 163.90	\$ 126.85
Rayne Memorial Juvenile Auxiliary 31.00	10.00
Carondelet Street Auxiliary 48.40	56.15
Louisiana Avenue Auxiliary	30.20
Felicity Street Auxiliary 27.80	
Dryades Street Auxiliary 7.00	22.80
Parker Memorial Auxiliary 41.00	46.95
Algiers Auxiliary	68.15
	15.40
Mary Werlein Mission Auxiliary 17.65	
White Castle Auxiliary 9.90	
Total for District\$ 420.80	\$ 376.50
Baton Rouge District.	
Cash.	Vouchers.
Slaughter Auxiliary\$ 4.00	
Baton Rouge Auxiliary 3.95	
Keithville Auxiliary	
Total for District 18.10	• • • • • • •
Crowley District.	
. Cash.	Vouchers.
Crowley Auxiliary\$ 20.00	
Lake Charles Auxiliary	\$ 363.00
New Iberia Auxiliary 1.00	•
Lafayette Auxiliary 56.35	198.40
Lafayette Juvenile Auxiliary 7.85	3.00
Patterson Auxiliary 5.75	
Lake Arthur Auxiliary	
Rayne Auxiliary 50.53	
Total for District	\$ 602.40
Arcadia District.	
Cash.	Vouchers.
Gibsland Auxiliary \$ 13.96	, 0 4 0 2 0 1 2 1
Ruston Auxiliary 32.85	
Minden Auxiliary	
Hodge Young People's Auxiliary 6.75	
Hodge Juvenile Auxiliary 15.84	
Ruston Juvenile Auxiliary 16.20	
Total for District\$ 103.20	
Monroe District.	
Cash.	Vouchers.
	\$ 450.00
	100.00
Bastrop Auxiliary 18.30	10.75
Mer Rouge Juvenile Auxiliary	
Oak Ridge Juvenile Auxiliary 30.20	5.00
Collinston Auxiliary 20.95	5.00
Total for District\$ 151.11	\$ 565.95

Alexandria District.	~ .	** 1
	Cash.	Vouchers.
Alexandria Auxiliary\$	21.75	\$ 20.70
Boyce Auxiliary	10.70	
Simsport Auxiliary	16.30	
Opelousas Auxiliary	12.50	
Total for District\$	61.25	\$ 20.70
Shreveport District.		
	Cash.	Vouchers.
Shreveport First Church Auxiliary\$	76.40	\$ 289.16
Shreveport Texas Avenue Auxiliary	34.45	262.70
Shreveport Texas Avenue Juvenile Auxiliary	4.15	
Leesville Auxiliary	9.60	55.80
Ft. Jessup Auxiliary	8.50	7.45
Many Auxiliary	17.50	15.95
Keithville Auxiliary	10.15	
Grand Cane	2.90	
Total for District\$	163 65	<b>\$</b> 131.06
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Summary of Districts		
	Cash.	Vouchers.
New Orleans District\$	428.80	\$ 376.50
Baton Rouge District	18.10	
Crowley District	196.08	602.40
Arcadia District	103.00	
Monroe District	151.11	565.95
Alexandria District	61.25	20.70
Shreveport District	163.65	131.06
Grand totals for Conference\$ Grand aggregate—Cash receipts, \$1,113.9 \$2,810.60. MRS. S. A. MONTO	9; Vouchers,	
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#### Report of the Ministers' Education Aid Society.

Dear Brethren—The Ministers' Education Aid Association is now nine years old, and while we have not accomplished as much as we had hoped, we feel that we have shown that there is a place for our work, and that the need of an educated ministry is greater than ever before.

With public schools advancing each year farther into the forests, the raising of grades, the establishment of high schools and colleges all over the land, and the consequent intellectual advancement of our people, the cry each year is more, and more, heard for an intelligent, college-trained ministry. The Bishop and Presiding Elders are troubled each year in the manning of our Conference by the fact that many of our brethren have not enjoyed educational opportunities such as make them suitable leaders for our people.

Most of our preachers come from the humbler walks of life, where money and time for intellectual work are both scarce, and if they are to be fitted to do the work of the Church, their meager means must be aided, else they will be compelled to go into their life work ill prepared, the Church being the sufferer.

In this very patent fact we find our excuse for coming before you, and hope that seeing the worthy purpose of our Association you will give us your prayers and means that this work may go steadily forward.

JOHN F. FOSTER, President.

## Report No. 2 of the Board of Education.

The receipts of the Board for the present year are as follows:
Balance from last year\$ 15.10
Cash as per vouchers
Cash from Auditing Board

#### Disbursements.

Expenses of Secretary of Education\$	20.20
Paine and Lane Institutes	226.10
General Board of Education	
Mansfield Female College	636.10
Centenary College	1,346.70
Reserved for expenses	5.90—\$2,461.10
The assessment for 1904 is recommended at 9	2 675 distributed

The assessment for 1904 is recommended at \$3,675, distributed as follows:

New Orleans District, \$630.00; Baton Rouge District, \$520.00; Crowley District, \$530.00; Alexandria District, \$400.00; Shreveport District, \$655.00; Arcadia District, \$500.00; Monroe District, \$440.00. Total, \$3,675.00.

The Board has no report from Greensburg Fitting School, but we understand that it is doing a good work for the Church.

J. A. PARKER.

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## Report of the Board of Education No. 3.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana' Conference:

Dear Brethren—Rev. C. C. Miller was elected to the presidency of Centenary College the second day of June of the present year, Rev. H. B. Carre having resigned to accept a chair in Vanderbilt University.

Besides the President three members of the faculty had resigned. Two other members of the faculty were on the eve of resignation, and the student body was practically disorganized and uncertain as to the future outlook of the College.

We now have 113 students, 109 of whom are in actual attendance. In the College and Fitting School department we have an increase of 25 per cent over last year, and the prospect for the spring term is encouraging. The personnell of the student body is most excellent.

The curriculum is as high as that of any other college in the land. There are six regular professors in the academic department, and one tutor. In the Commercial Department we have one regular professor and one assistant, making a total of nine instructors. Professor J. M. Reaser, who has charge of the Commercial Department, is an artist and a thorough instructor. Every student he has graduated is filling a responsible and lucrative position.

The Young Men's Christian Association has a membership of fifty and is doing fine work among the students. There has been no great spiritual revival, but the chapel and religious instruction has been constant.

There are four ministerial students and twenty-four children of preachers, making a total of twenty-eight Conference beneficiaries. Through the personal efforts of the President twenty-four scholarships for the present year have been secured. All students pay regular tuition, except the Conference beneficiaries and those on scholarships provided by the liberality of the people.

The finances this year are very much improved as compared with the past years. We have received something in excess of \$2,600, which has enabled us to meet current expenses to date. The above is a very important and pleasing item.

Centenary is not dead. It has never died, and I trust it will never die. It breasted the perils of civil strife, weathered the dark days of reconstruction, and has struggled onward and upward through a hundred vicissitudes. It has wrought wonderfuly in our Israel throughout Louisiana and Mississippi and all over this Southland. It has been a potent factor and exponent of literature, science, religious liberty, and Methodist power for more than three-fourths of a century. Three generations have been educated under its benign influence. Its work has been commensurate with its ability and power. The Providence of God has hovered over it, and it has been encompassed about by Divine power.

It merits the unswerving devotion and support of every Methodist preacher in the Louisiana Conference, and of every loyal Methodist in the State of Louisiana. Every Methodist preacher is a duly constituted agent for Centenary, and must be its friend. We must foster our institution of learning. The time will never come when any amount of education can take the place of consecration and spirituality, but the time has come when the educational standard is such that

the people demand an educated ministry.

W. H. LaPRADE, Conference Secretary.

## Memoirs.

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It merits the unswerving devotion and support of every Methodist preacher in the Louisiana Conference, and of every loyal Methodist in the State of Louisiana. Every Methodist preacher is a duly constituted agent for Centenary, and must be its friend. We must foster our institution of learning. The time will never come when any amount of education can take the place of consecration and spirituality, but the time has come when the educational standard is such that

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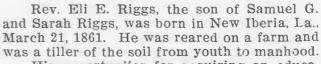
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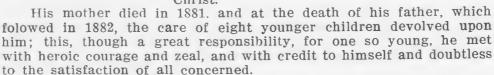
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Mrs. H. G. Davis, nee, Donnie G. Glascock, was born at Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 24th, 1866. In 1880, under the ministry of Rev. R. T. Nabors, she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was educated at the Tuscaloosa Female College, and graduated with distinction in 1886. In December, 1887, she married Rev. H. G. Davis, of Alabama, and lived a faithful itinerant preacher's wife until August 19, 1903, when, stricken by spinal menengetis, she passed to her eternal reward. She was ill only a few weeks, and, tho' a great sufferer during all that time, she was joyful in her Christian hope, and died full of faith in her Lord.

She was a thorough Methodist, confining her efforts in Christian work to the regularly established methods adopted by our Church. Her greatest interest was in the missionary and temperance causes, and was in great demand for State temperance work, and read many papers throughout Alabama in the interest of this work.

She leaves a husband and two little daughters to mourn her death.

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She entered into his life with all her life, and the record of his sixty years of Christian service is the record of her own. She was born in July, 1830, and became Brother Wright's wife in 1843. Since then none but God could point to the successful labors of their lives and say how much was his and how much was hers. Together they labored, prayed, suffered, and rejoiced. And when the body of her husband was borne out from their home to the cemetery, although she had been nursing and tending him constantly during his illness, and was seemingly as well and strong as usual, she lay down upon her bed, bade her children and grandchildren good-bye, slept peacefully and painlessly for a few days, and passed on to be with her loved ones. Side by side they sleep in the little cemetery, awaiting the glad resurrection. Their children and grandchildren have a priceless legacy in their Christly influence that lives after them, and not only they, but thousands of others are blessing God for the lives of James and Mary Wright. H. R. SINGLETON.

## Mrs. Susan E. Jackson.

Mrs. Susan E. Jackson (nee Murry) was born August 25, 1834, in Dublin, Ireland, and died at her home at Lecompte, La., October 20, 1903. Sister Jackson was converted and joined the church in her girlhood days, and lived a most beautiful life for about fifty years, when God called her home. On August 25, 1863, she was married to the Rev. Geo. Jackson, then a member of the North Mississippi Conference, now an honored superannuate of our own Louisiana Conference. For forty years she was one of the tried and faithful heroines of the Methodist itineracy, and in her quiet, unassuming way did much for the advancement of the cause of her Lord and Master, being (as all such women are) the power behind the throne that pushes out the weary itinerant, inspiring and encouraging him on to battle and to victory. She was the mother of three children, two of whom. with their father, remain to mourn their loss. Sister Jackson's lot in life was for the most part a hard one, serving, as they did, many large, hard works, with only a very meager support as a material compensation; but, with all this, her life was one of submission to the Master's will. It was the writer's privilege to know her, as her pastor, the last two years of her life, and to witness the beauty of her devotion to her church and her God. In her last days of affliction, though her reason was partially dethroned, her faith never wavered, and her christian experience was as bright and clear as the noonday sun, and thus closed a life of toil and sacrifice in this world of trial and hardships, and dawned one of eternal peace and joy in that world of everlasting bliss.

L. L. ROBERTS.

## Captain J. N. Pharr.

Captain John N. Pharr passed to his reward November 21, 1903, at 9:50 o'clock p. m. He was born in Mecklinburg county, North Carolina, on March 19, 1829.

The Pharr or Farr family came to this country in the eighteenth century; they were Scotch-Irish descent, landing first in Philadelphia, then moving to Mecklinburg county, North Carolina. They were strong Presbyterians, several ministers of that faith coming from the family. They helped to found Davidson College, North Carolina, thus becoming identified early with the progressive movement of church by donating one of the buildings of that institution. When Captain Pharr was quite young his father moved to Tennessee, then to Mississippi, and engaged in cotton planting. Having lost his Christian mother, and his father's family being large, he determined to start out for himself. In 1850, when a youth, he came to Louisiana, with no capital save an indomitable will, sturdy manhood and vigorous energy almost unmeasurable. Judge Joshua Baker, of Fairfax Plantation on the Teche, gave the poor young man employment as assistant overseer on his sugar plantation. After the war this same poor young man became the delicate and generous supporter and benefactor to this courtly old judge, who lost all by the war and was in poverty extreme. By strict attention to the details of his new occupation and boundless energy he became a prominent sugar planter, and rose to be the most trusted employee of Judge Baker. The civil war then breaking, though strongly opposed to it on principle, he enlisted and served with commended courage throughout the war. When peace was declared, coming back to New Iberia, he engaged in steamboating on the Teche, principally towing logs for the manufacture of lumber; then naturally became interested in a saw mill, with Mr. Gall, of New Iberia. Though succeeding admirably in these lines of business, he made the bulk of a large fortune by obtaining the government contract to carry mails from Morgan City up the Teche and around the coast to Abbeville. Running a line of passenger and mail steamboats on the Teche in a decade he became wealthy. Upon these boats the strange sight was the absence of the accustomed bar, and the sturdy principle of the Captain prevailed against a loud protest of the sporting and drinking set, who predicted dire failure for all such steamboating. In 1868 he married Miss Henrietta C. Andrews in New Iberia. Same year joined the M. E. Church, South, and became a new battle to change from his habits of sin to religion. In midlife, after some strong vices and evil habits had seized him with an iron grasp he entered the arena for self-mastery and a return to the teachings of his saintly mother, by the encouragement and help of his truly Christian helpmeet and a long contest, he became a devoted Christian through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Louisiana Western Railroad was built and the connecting link from Morgan City to LaFayette by the Morgan Railroad, the steamboating on the Teche was no longer needful, and Captain Pharr, though offered flattering inducements to enter steamboating on the Mississippi, declined all offers, and entered his loved employ—sugar

planting on the Teche—succeeding so well that at his death he owned ten plantations, which raised and manufactured ten million pounds

of sugar in favorable seasons.

In 1878 Captain Pharr built a Methodist Church in Morgan City, with some help from that community. In 1881 he became Sunday-school superintendent, which he held without interruption till called home.

He afterwards built the parsonage, in 1886, then the Berwick Methodist Church, five or six years later. Both of these buildings

were almost exclusively from his own wealth.

When his sons became of age to send to college he chose Centenary College as the institution to which he would send, thence becoming the ardent friend of that College, and for more than a decade giving annually to the support of the institution very generously.

Many are those who shall rise up and call him blessed for acts of unostentatious benevolence. He shrunk from all fulsome praise for his generosity. He for years has been a most ardent promoter of the Sunday-school Institutes throughout the parishes contiguous to his home, and generally throughout the State. He was no less pronounced in his advocacy of the temperance cause whenever occasion presented an opportunity. His sterling qualities of uncompromising principles was seen in the white heat of a political campaign, first, by refusing to desecrate the Sabbath by political mass meetings on that day, or even traveling from place to place when stumping the State; and, second, by an avowed declaration of his religion wherever he went, always asking the blessing at his meals wherever he was. His religious principles were nailed to the mast and he came out untarnished in reputation, unsullied in character from that ordeal.

His brusqueness of manner and impatience in speech were born from a pent-up assertive energy, and was far from his large human sympathy and real tenderness of heart, which responded so freely

to every case of distress and sorrow.

He was a devoted father who, while he wished to develope all of manliness in his sons, yet loved them devotedly, and gave them every advantage of becoming skilled and proficient workmen in their vocations. He raised them strictly, but kindly, believing in the regime of his own saintly mother. He was an indulgent and truly devoted husband, honoring his wife for all that sustaining Christian faith, while he was mastering the evil propensities of his strong nature running with loose rein, till midcover found him almost beyond the point of retrieval.

A chief citizen that has gone, his commanding personality will be missed in church and State. His royal generosity will be long remembered and yearned for by many who have prayed God's blessing on his head, but his sterling character, unbending, uncompromising adhesion to principle, his frowning disapproval of the common vices and sins of the day will live on, though he be dead, these yet

speak forth, "His works will follow on."

As employer he was kind, but firm, however, and loved by his employees. The rewarder of earnest and capable toilers, the unrelenting antagonist without fear for all unreasonable strikers. Foremost in all public improvements, whether of State, parish or town.

His character was woven out of many golden qualities, hatred of sham and cant sincerity and openness of goal, his utter reliability in all things, the staunchest devotion to duty, stern, unbending adherence to principle, entire truthfulness, which avoided the semblance of falsehood, faithfulness to friends, so often lacking in those who attain wealth, accompanied with large generosity, a natural taste for good, sound reading, making him a good Bible student and creditable historian. All these and the transforming power of religion made of him a living, impressing character, who shall live on though he

rests from his labors. Our church loses a pillar, the State a chief citizen, the home a true Christian father and devoted husband. All who deserve generosity a responsive, sympathetic benefactor. His church loved to honor him, often being elected a delegate to the Annual and once elected lay delegate to the General Conference. A long and useful life thus has closed, a life of large success which has had telling effect upon his surroundings and stamped itself upon those who came under his personal. May his sterling qualities be won and exemplified by his three Christian sons, who survive. The consolations of the religion of Jesus Christ comfort his widow in her loneliness and separation from him.

S. S. KEENER.

## SOME GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

The General Minutes of 1903 report that there are in Southern Methodism 6,469 traveling preachers, a gain of 176 for the year: 4,816 local preachers, a loss of 166; members 1,523,747, a gain of 18,506 for the year. This gives us a total membership of 1,535,032.

There are 46 annual conferences divided into 295 districts and 5,346 pastoral charges, an increase of 309 charges. In these charges there are 17,897 organized churches and a large number of preaching places. We own 14,872 churches valued at \$25,203,303.00 and 4,093 parsonages valued at \$4,790,188.00. Our property has increased in value this year, \$2,179,495.00 and we now have 180 more churches and 19 more parsonages than we had a year ago.

We now have 14,425 Sunday Schools, an increase of 292; officers and teachers 104,650, an increase of 1,164; scholars now number 934,110, an increase of 49,781. There were 3,283 Epwporth Leagues, an increase of 4,901, with 116,579 members.

The church last year paid its Presiding Elders \$354,627.00 and to its pastors \$2,599,022.00, an increase of \$17,261.00 in these items. We also paid. Bishops \$45,802.00; Conference claimants \$177,208.00, an increase of \$6.140; Foreign Missions \$289,135.00 on church assessments, an increase of \$20,357.00; Domestic Missions \$188,259.00, an increase of \$17,933.00; Church extension \$79,179.00, an increase of \$5,431.00; and we paid to the American Bible Society \$11.079.00 or \$655.00 more than we did last year.

#### ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act to Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Sanders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Conference may from time to time see proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporation under the name and style of the "Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and the capable suing and being sued, entering into contract, receiving and holding property for educational purposes as may from time to time be specified by the said Conference at its annual session, either by donation or purchase.

donation or purchase.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the city of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation, provided that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repungnant to the laws of the State.

John M. Sandidge,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Robt. C. Wickliffe,
Approved March 15, 1855.

A true conv.

Approved March 15, 18:
A true copy:
Andrew S. Herron.

P. G. Hebert, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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#### EDITORIAL.

The conference was delightfully entertained this year by the good people of Minden of all denominations; each preacher declaring that he had the best home in town. With the exception of the rain on Saturday the weather was all that could have been desired.

The sermon of Bishop Key, Sunday morning at the Methodist church delighted all who heard it. His text was taken from Romans 10th chapter, 12th verse. The sermon was a strong plea for the salvation of the Jews. He showed that the Christianizing of the Jew meant the early answer to the prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

A handsome silver-mounted gavel, made of wood from the church at Opelousas, La., where the conference was organized in 1847, was presented to the conference by Rev. J. D. Harper, presiding elder of the Alexandria district. This is the same gavel he presented last year. It has been worked over and a neat inscription plate bearing the history of the, poplar, wood from which it is made has been added and it is hoped that in all future sessions it will be used by the Bishop presiding.

Since the adjournment of our conference session, Sister T. J. Upton and Brother B. F. White have passed to their reward.

Sister Upton left us on December 23d, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. Rhodes, near Gibbsland and was buried in the cemetary at that place. "She died in great peace."

Brother White was translated January 6th. His earthly end came and a host of loving friends .iHspassfielld etaoinshrdlushrdluo at his home in Alaxandria where he was surrounded by his family and a host of friends. His passage to the other world closes a long chapter of eminent usefulness in the masters cause.

For several years past Rev. J. L. Sutton, a centenary student and one of our most active and capable local preachers has been chaplain of the state convict farm at Angola, La. His work has been so iminently successful that during the past year our French missionary, Rev. Martin Hebert, has been put in charge of the same work at the hope plantation, and lastly the convict camps on the Atchafalaya river have had the services of Rev. S. H. Whatley, our pastor at Melville. The work merits in every way the recognition given it by the conference. So much for the consecrated efforts of one man.

#### DEAD OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

No.	Name and Relation at Death.	Born.	Entered La. Conference and How Received.	Died.	Place of Burial.
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†Burned on steamboat Yellow Basha on his way to his appointment.

#### DEAD OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—Continued.

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The many blanks in this roll can be filled if the readers of the Annual who have the information, or know where it can be gotten, will drop the Editor a few lines stating the facts in the case.

\*We would also like to get the pictures of those brethren whose names are not marked with an asterisk.

†Died a member of the German Mission Conference.

#### DECEASED BISHOPS.

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## MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY,

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## WOMANS SOCIETIES AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

DISTRICT-Continued

Assessed Domestic Missions. Paid Domestic Missions.	Assessed Church Extension.	Paid Church Extension.	Assessed Education.	Paid Education.	Paid Am. Bible Soc.	Superannuates' Endowment Fund.	Assessed Minutes.	Paid Minutes.	Paid for Other Objects by Church.	No. Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars Enrolled.	Collected for Sun- day-Sch'l Supplies	Collected for Mis sions.	Col. on Ch'ld's Day.	Collected for Other Objects.	Total Raised by Sunday-Schools.	Total Am't Raised for All Purposes.
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Name of Charge and Pastor Reporting.	Local Preachers.	Members.	on		Removals by Death. Cert. or Otherwise	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	No. of Churches.
Alexandria	1 1 1 2 2	151 249 184 167 165 276 227 228 64  417 425 300 222 3,521	4 17 17 6 10 25 5 5 3 3 48 15 8 11 259	31 2 10 2 3 3 6 5  4 29 4 6 4 112	4 9 10 10 7 8 5 2 6  10 12 58 4 6 11 162	10 5 11 5 3 20 1 1 1 8 -92	1 4 22 3 17 2 6 10 6  10 41 35 8 5 4	1 2 4 4 3 6 5 4 1  8 11 6 2 5 4	1 2 4 4 3 3 1 3 1 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 6 6
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#### WOMAN'S SOCIETIES AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

#### J. D. HARPER, P. E.

$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Value of Churches.	Value of Parsonages.  Indebtedness on Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Ch's and Pars'ges.	Insurance Carried.	Insurance Premiums Paid.	No. W. F. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. W. II. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. Senior Leagues.	No. Senior League Members.	No. Junior Leagues.	No. Junior League Members.
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#### \*Indebtedness \$500.

#### J. R. MOORE, P. E.

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#### J. O. BENNETT, P. E.

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<sup>\*</sup>Indebtedness \$3,000; \*\*\$217; \*\*\*\$60.

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Reference No.	Name of Charge.	Raised by Leagues for Missions. Raised by Leagues		Paid P. E.	Assessed Preacher in Charge.	Paid Preacher in Charge.	Assessed Bishops.	Paid Bishops.	Assessed Conference Claimants.	Paid Conference Claimants.	Assessed Foreign Missions.	Paid Foreign Missions.
4 56 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Alexandria LeCompte Boyce Simsport Melville Glenmora Dry Creek Montgomery Natchitoches Jena Columbia Pineville Olla &c, Opelousas Chicot Bunkie Total		90 90 90 90 60 50 100 100	150 90 90 81 52 42 32 100 40 70 105 32 95 1,112	1,000 600 600 625 600 405 350 715 350 700 540 725 750 400 700 9,860	1,000 600 625 410 327 206 700 291  700 364 480 200 632 7,985	15 10 9 8 8 8 4 4 10 6 6 15 15 15 9 9 11 5 12	15   10   10   5   3   4   3   7   8     6   6   6     6   92	55 31 37 30 30 15 16 40 25 50 25 32 32 35 19 40	55 31 32 28 15 15 12 40 20  30 17 40 40 359	95 55 55 63 50 50 28 26 65 35 84 43 50 65 32 70	95 55 63 39 30 28 10 30 14 
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#### WOMAN'S SOCIETIES AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

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Assessed Domestic Missions.	Paid Domestic Missions.	Assessed Thurch Extension.	Paid Church Extension.	Assessed Education	Paid Education.	Paid Am. Bible Soc.	Superannuates' Endowment Fund.	Assessed Minutes.	Paid Minutes.	Paid for Other Objects by Church.	No. Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Collected for Sun day-Sch'l Supplies	Collected for Mis sions.	Col. on Ch'd's Day.	Collected for Other Objects.	Total Raised by Sunday-Schools.	Total Am't Raised for All Purposes.
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MONROE DISTRICT,

Name of Charge and Pastor Reporting.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Additions on Profession of Faith.	Additions by Certificate or Otherwise.	Removals by Death, Cert. or Otherwise	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	No. of Churches.
Raysville 2 D. C. Barr 3 Delhi and Tallulah 1 C. T. Munholland 4 Lake Providence 1 P. O. Lowrey 5 Waterproof 1 W. R. Harvell 6 Gilbert 1 H. E. Carter 7 Harrisonburg 3 W. H. Hatfield 8 Winnsboro 1 J. M. Henry (s) 9 Mer Rouge 1 J. E. Denson	1 1 1 1 4	454 483 161 183 102 144 172 283 131 136 266 247 [2,762]	$ \begin{array}{c} 19 \\ 231 \\ 23 \\ 32 \\ 8 \\ 44 \\ 6 \\ 90 \\ 10 \\ 12 \\ 6 \\ 10 \\ 491 \end{array} $	957 27 12 12 15 7 7 5 2 1 167	$ \begin{array}{c} 28 \\ 8 \\ 6 \\ 46 \\ 26 \\ 227 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ $	4 91 9 34 18  3 9 2 4 174	8 17 7 3 13 7 4 12 1 	1 6 3 1 3 3 3 4 4 6 3 3 9	24 1 2 3 3 3 4 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

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NAME OF DISTRICT	Pastoral Charges. Local Preachers.	Members.	Additions on Profession of Faith.	Additions by Certificate or Otherwise.	Removals by Death, Cert. or Otherwise	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.
District—  New Orleans  Baton Rouge  Crowley  Alexandria  Shreveport  Arcadia  Monroe  Total  Total last year.  Decrease	$ \begin{vmatrix} 15 & 7 \\ 17 & 14 \\ 18 & 4 \\ 16 & 9 \\ 23 & 16 \\ 17 & 20 \\ 12 & 4 \\ \hline{ 118 74} \\ \hline{ 121 74} \\ \hline{  } $	2,762   29,806	208 133 259 328 695 491 [2,402 [1,722	1,494	$ \begin{array}{r}   276 \\   125 \\   \hline   1.528 \\   1,304 \end{array} $		1,222	$\begin{vmatrix} 390 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$		$186,650 \\ 55,700 \\ 173,430 \\ 48,250 \\ 105,900 \\ 57,400 \\ 64,515 \\ 691,845 \\ 545,630 \\ 46,215$		12,000 12,350 24,875 17,165 22,322 16,350 25,700 130,762 119,403 11,359

#### WOMAN'S SOCIETIES AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

J. M. HENRY, P. E.

Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Ch's and Pars'ges.	Insurance Carried.	Insurance Premiums Paid.	No. W. F. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. W. H. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. Senior Leagues.	No. Senior League Members.	No. Junior Leagues.	No. Junior League Members.
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2,750	1	650		200	152									١			
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64.515	$\bar{1}4$	25,700	155	1.800	10056	15,700	100	2	40	169	4	96	935	5	124	1	30

\*Indebtedness \$100; \*\*\$1,000.

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Indebtedness on Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for ('h's and Pars'ges.	Insurance Carried.	Insurance Premiums Paid.	No. W. F. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. W. H. M. S.	No. Members.	Money Raised.	No. Senior Leagues.	No. Senior League Members.	No. Junior Leagues.	No. Junior League Members.	Raised by Leagues for Missions.	Raised by Leagues for Other Objects.
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$\frac{48}{400}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 39.946 \\ 1.935 \end{vmatrix}$	$\frac{13,028}{16,842}$	$30.900 \\ 18.550$	46 125	4 3	137 77	398 189		$\frac{215}{109}$	$\frac{1,094}{846}$	9	$\frac{188}{217}$	1 4	13 91	8 7	$\frac{61}{135}$
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1,953	215,226	55.482	231.740	1,158	32	878	2.094	33	839	5.496	51	1.377	24	691	428	1,151
3,244	207.906	-37.289	193,325	$^{-}1,387$	29	610	1,693	37	698	2,641	39	1,170	13	1348	388	1.017
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Reference No.	Name of Charge.	Raised by Leagues for Missions.	Raised by Leagues for Other Objects.	Assessed P. E.	Paid P. E.	Assessed Preacher in Charge.	Paid Preacher in Charge.	Assessed Bishops.	Paid Bishops.	Assessed Conference Claimants.	Paid Conference Claimants.	Assessed Foreign Missions.	Paid Foreign Missions.
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Reference No.	Name of District.	Assessed P. E.	Paid P. E.	Assessed Preacher in Charge.	Paid Preacher in Charge.	Assessed Bishops.	Paid Bishops.	Assessed Conference Claimants.	Paid Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Paid Foreign Mis sions.	Assessed Domestic Missions.	Paid Domestic Missions.	Assessed Church Extension.
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#### ULATION.

Paid Church Extension.	Assessed Education.	Paid Education.	Paid Am. Bible Soc.	Superannuates' Endowment Fund.	Assessed Minutes.	Paid Minutes.	Paid for Other Objects by Church.	No. Sunday-Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Collected for Sun- day-Sch'l Supplies	Collected for Missions.	Collected on Chil dren's Day.	Cullerted for Other Objects.	Total Raised by Sunday-Schools.	Total Am't Raised for All Purposes.
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The outside is covered with a good grade of drop siding under corner boards and casings. The inside is ceiled with shiplaps, except the kitchen, bath-room, pantry and passage, which are ceiled with beaded ceiling put on perpendicular. All openings have inside moulded casings with corner blocks. Sashs are hung on weights, and are fitted with bronze sash locks. Doors are swung on 4x4 in. bronze butts, and have good mortise locks with bronze trim. Transoms are swung on  $2^{1}2^{2}2^{1}2^{2}$  in. bronze butts and fitted with Woolensac transom lifts. Side lights are swung on 3x3 in. bronze butts and locked with strong cupboard turns. Folding doors are hung on best adjustable ball-bearing hangers, and have mortise locks with bronze trim. Passage doors are on spring hinges.

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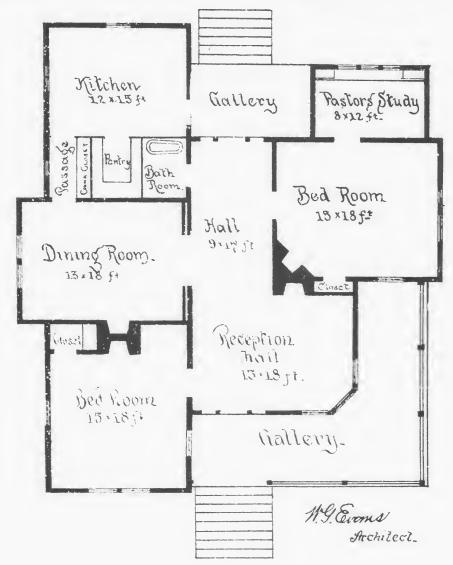
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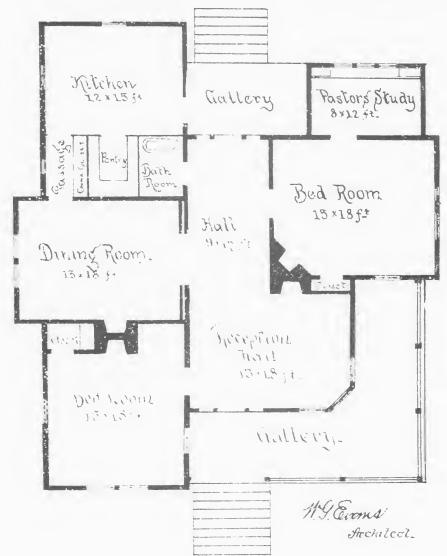
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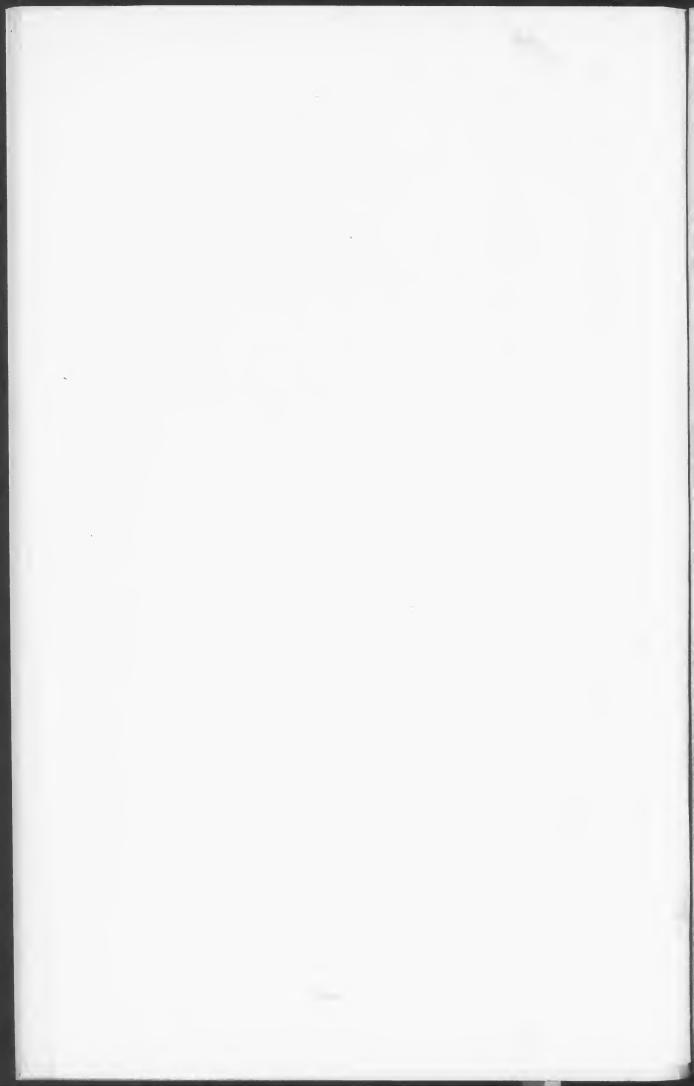
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